

UConnPIRG Core Meeting 21-10  
Monday March 29th, 2021, 7 PM  
Zoom (remote location due to COVID-19 outbreak)

Voting Members: Colleen Keller (Chair), Dylan DeMoura (Vice Chair), Maya Murarka (Treasurer), Erin McConnell (Secretary), Kyleigh Hillerud, Shafina Chowdhury, Rebecca Tripp, Leah LePage, Benjamin Albee, Gianella Anyosa, Natalie Seier, Monet Paredes, David Vallejo, Julia Ward

Non-Voting Members: Li Chen, Michael Osei, Brendan Corris, Angelo Santos

Guests: Sabrina Uva (Vice President-USG Stamford), Chinedu Nkwo (President-USG Stamford)

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:02pm by Colleen Keller (Chair)
- II. Introductions
- III. Chapter Updates
  - A. Keller shares that they have been setting things up for next year from campus relations to hiring. Dylan DeMoura has been overseeing the campaigns and Activist Class. Erin McConnell has been taking minutes and keeping track of the calendar. All Executive Board members are transitioning the new Executive Board.
  - B. Benjamin Albee gives the Ex-Officio update. There is a women's event on Wednesday in lieu of Senate or Caucus.
  - C. Julia Ward gives the Legislative Committee update. The meeting times are Mondays at 6pm and Tuesdays at 5pm.
- IV. Campaign Updates
  - A. Rebecca Tripp gives the Hunger & Homelessness update. They share that they are hosting an event on April 5th at 4pm called Husky Voices, they met with the ISSS Hungry Huskies Cook Initiative, they are getting involved with committees for the UConn Clothing Closet Initiative, they have a meeting with Peter Diplock to be determined about the syllabi project. The campaign meetings are Fridays at 2pm.
  - B. Shafina Chowdhury gives the Affordable Textbooks update. They share that they filmed with Red Hat this past week for their documentary. The campaign meetings are Thursdays at 3:30pm.
  - C. Leah LePage gives the Public Health update. They share that they are working on infographics regarding vaccines, and that vaccination registration for college students opens April 1st. The campaign meetings are Wednesdays at 6pm.
  - D. Albee gives the Save the Earth update. They share that they are pushing for SB 127, which is an electric car bill with Will Haskell. They are working on the last podcast episodes of the semester, and might be continuing into the summer. They are planning Earth Day events, which could include Instagram takeovers, collaborations, and a campus cleanup. The campaign meetings are Sundays at 5pm.

- E. Sasha Goldblatt gives the Women's Campaign update. They share that they are working on testimonies for HB 5795 and HB 5481, they have more Instagram content coming in the next week about women's rights and the LGBTQ+ community, their care packages are underway, and they are waiting on updates from the Business Office. The campaign meetings are Thursdays at 3pm.
- V. Mental Health & Activism
  - A. Keller shares that members of the chapter will be discussing mental health and activism. They share about burnout, and then members go into breakout groups to discuss their own experiences with burnout and how they can combat that.
- VI. Business
  - A. Minutes
    1. Keller motions to approve the Core meeting minutes from Monday, March 22nd, 2021.
    2. Kyleigh Hillerud seconds.
    3. Motion passes unanimously.
      - a) McConnell abstains.
- VII. Announcements/Wrap Up
  - A. Keller announces that next week will be an evaluation of the chapter's campaigns, so all campaign members should come.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Minutes submitted by Erin McConnell (Secretary)