

UConnPIRG Core Meeting 21-11  
Monday April 5th, 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, Rebecca Tripp, Leah LePage, Benjamin Albee, Natalie Seier, Monet Paredes, David Vallejo, Nia Moore, Sasha Goldblatt

Guests: Chinedu Nkwo (President-USG Stamford)

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:03pm by Natalie Seier (Chair-Elect)
- II. Introductions
- III. Chapter Updates
  - A. Maya Murarka shares that Keller has set up campus relations meetings for them and Seier, Erin McConnell has been taking minutes and sending emails, Murarka is updating the organization's information with the Business Office, and Dylan DeMoura has been overseeing the campaigns and Activist Class. All Executive Board members are transitioning the new Executive Board.
  - B. Benjamin Albee gives the Ex-Officio update. They share that the new President and Vice President will be sworn in on Wednesday at First/Last Senate.
  - C. Seier 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 had the Husky Voices event today at 4pm, which went really well. They also have ongoing project meetings for Community Fridge, a cooking livestream with Puerto Rican and Latin American Cultural Center (PRLACC) Director, the pitch for the website on syllabi, and the Clothing Closet. The campaign meeting will be TBD for the next week.
  - B. Nia Moore gives the Affordable Textbooks update. They share that the emails they sent to the faculty were well received, and they have more than 10 responses on their faculty survey. They will be changing the campaigns' logo, but that will be happening over the summer, and they planned for next semester. The campaign meetings are Thursdays at 3:30pm.
  - C. Leah LePage gives the Public Health update. They share that they are working on infographics about vaccines and availability, and vaccine appointments are open for college students! The campaign meetings are Wednesdays at 6pm.
  - D. Albee gives the Save the Earth update. They share the campaign's plans for Earth Week, which is 4/19-4/23. The days they have scheduled are Meatless Monday, Tree Tuesday, Wasteless Wednesday, Thrifting Thursday (and the campus cleanup), and Footprint Friday. They also share that the chapter should send emails to their legislators to allow the sale of electric cars in Connecticut (SB 127). The campaign meetings are Sundays at 5pm.

- E. Sasha Goldblatt gives the Women's Campaign update. They share that they are working on two testimony drafts, and they have more Instagram content coming in the next week. The campaign meetings are Thursdays at 3pm.
- V. Semester Evaluations
  - A. Seier shares that members of the chapter will go into breakout rooms to discuss campaign work and Core over the past year, and how the organization can improve for next year, with a focus on the tripod (campus relations, leadership development, and visibility).
- VI. Business
  - A. Minutes
    1. Colleen Keller motions to approve the Core meeting minutes from Monday, March 29th, 2021.
    2. McConnell seconds.
    3. Motion passes unanimously.
      - a) Moore abstains.
- VII. Announcements/Wrap Up
  - A. Seier announces that this Thursday from 3-5pm, there will be a table to hand out merchandise.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

Minutes submitted by Erin McConnell (Secretary)