

UConnPIRG Core Meeting 21-12
Monday April 19th, 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, Emily Lopez, Gianella Anyosa, Mark Frederiksen

Guests: Kurt Daigle (faculty advisor)

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:04pm by Colleen Keller (Chair)
- II. Introductions
- III. Chapter Updates
 - A. Keller shares that they have been getting things ready for the end of the semester. Dylan DeMoura has been putting together trainings, working on by-laws, and prepping for Activist Class. Erin McConnell has been taking minutes and sending emails. Maya Murarka has been prepping information for the Fall for Treasurer things. All Executive Board members have been transitioning the new Executive Board members.
 - B. Benjamin Albee gives the Ex-Officio update. They share that there is Caucus this Wednesday at 6:30pm.
 - C. Keller 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 have rolled out this semester's Husky Market, the syllabi project is going smoothly, the Husky Voices event went really well, and they have been working on coalition-building for next semester's projects. Their cooking livestream is to be determined, and the final campaign meeting is this Friday at 2pm.
 - B. Shafina Chowdhury gives the Affordable Textbooks update. They share that they have been attending interviews with the UConn Library for a new staff person who will be working with Open Educational Resources, they are working on sending out professor emails with the textbook price survey, and they are also working on the brochure for next semester. The last campaign meeting is this Thursday at 3:30pm.
 - C. Leah LePage gives the Public Health update. They share that they will be working on effective messaging surrounding the recent developments with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, and the last campaign meeting is this Wednesday at 6pm.
 - D. Albee gives the Save the Earth update. They share that there will be Instagram takeovers on the UConnPIRG Instagram for the rest of the week to celebrate Earth Week, the campus clean-up is this Thursday at 11am, and there is a Sunrise Connecticut Earth Week Clean-up and Strike on Sunday from 1-4pm. The last campaign meeting is Sunday at 5pm.

- E. Sasha Goldblatt gives the Women's Campaign update. They share that the care packages will be out by the end of the semester, they have two testimonies still in progress, and the last campaign meeting is Thursday at 3pm.
- V. Business
 - A. Minutes
 - 1. Keller motions to approve the Core meeting minutes from Monday, April 5th, 2021.
 - 2. Kyleigh Hillerud seconds.
 - 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - B. March Monthly Bill
 - 1. Keller motions to approve \$5,355.01 for the March Monthly Bill.
 - 2. Hillerud seconds.
 - 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - C. By-Laws
 - 1. Keller motions to approve the UConnPIRG By-Laws as updated in April 2021.
 - 2. Hillerud seconds.
 - 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - D. Constitution
 - 1. DeMoura motions to approve the UConnPIRG Constitution as updated in April 2021.
 - 2. McConnell seconds.
 - 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - E. Organizational Chart
 - 1. Keller motions to approve the UConnPIRG Organizational Chart as updated in April 2021.
 - 2. LePage seconds.
 - 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - F. Operating Budget
 - 1. Keller motions to approve the UConnPIRG Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022.
 - 2. Albee seconds.
 - 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - G. Rebrand
 - 1. Keller motions to approve UConn Praxis and the UConn Praxis branding style guide as the new name and brand for UConnPIRG for the 2021-2022 academic year and onward.
 - 2. Hillerud seconds.
 - 3. Discussion:
 - a) Keller shares that their biggest concern with Praxis is that it is also the name of a test in Connecticut, so they advise everyone to be conscious of that and make sure there is no overlap or confusion in the branding for next year.
 - 4. Motion passes unanimously.
- VI. Announcements/Wrap Up

- A. Keller announces that if anyone is interested in being put on an email list for Every Vote Counts, reach out!
- B. Keller announces that if anyone is interested in applying for a leadership position and wants to learn more about the positions, everyone is welcome to attend the staff/leadership meeting this Wednesday at 7pm.
- C. Keller and Natalie Seier announce that everyone should vote for the topic for Activist Class this week.
- D. Keller announces that next week is going to be a recap of the year and warm and fuzzies, so everyone should fill out the associated form to share some love.
- E. Seier announces that if anyone has any questions about leadership positions, they can reach out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

Minutes submitted by Erin McConnell (Secretary)