

UConn Praxis Core Meeting 22-4  
Monday September 20th, 2021, 7 PM  
SU 331 & Zoom (remote location due to COVID-19 outbreak)

Voting Members (in-person): Natalie Seier (President), Rebecca Tripp (Vice President), Benjamin Albee (Treasurer), Monet Paredes (Secretary), Nia Moore, Mehdi Namazi, Esai Vazquez-Marentes, Colleen Keller, Jessica Roberts, Cheyenne Tavares, William Ofori, Srimayi Chaturvedula, Leah LePage, Andre Johnson

Non-Voting Members (virtual): Caetlyn Hoffman

Non-voting member(s) (in-person): Mitchel Kivedar, Defne Alpdogan, Adam Benitez, Taryn Lamb, Tami Guevera, Josh Hark

Guest (in-person): Irene Sotiru (Human Rights Symposium)

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:03pm by Natalie Seier (President)
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Community Highlight: Rally for Peaceful Planet & Human Rights Symposium
  - A. Irene firjv presents information about the Rally for Peaceful Planet. They explain the three demands of the rally and encourage members to spread the word.
- IV. Organizational Updates
  - A. Executive Board Update
    1. Seier shares the update. They like to thank everyone who attended kickoff. They share that they've been keeping in touch with EVC (Every Voter Counts), been planning activist classes, and preparing for the mentorship program.
  - B. Cabinet/Staff Update
    1. Esai Vazquez-Marentes shares the update. They share communications meetings are starting this week at 2:30PM on Fridays and have been working on funding 101 training.
- V. Campaign Updates
  - A. Nia Moore shares the Affordable Textbooks update. They have been meeting with USG for next steps for events. Meetings might start this Thursday. They will be meeting with Open access week and TEN and looking forward to meeting with the whole campaign.
  - B. Srimayi Chaturvedula shares the Hunger and Homelessness update. They have started working with outside organizations, thinking about starting a community garden and reducing dining services food waste, sending out the first campaign email and waiting to see when meetings will be. They look forward to working with Stacy Maddern and volunteering with Charter Oak Cultural Center to teach the homeless skills to get out of homelessness.
  - C. Medhi Namazi shares the Sustainable Skies update. They have been sending out campaign emails. Meetings will most likely be Sunday. They completed a Twitch: How to Guide. They have an upcoming meeting with USG on eco friendly and

plastic free menstrual products. They have been talking to EcoHusky to discuss coalition building and working on planning for a bike share program.

- D. Seier shares the Women's Rights campaign update. There will be a movie screening in November where they will hand out pronoun pins. They have been packaging care packages in the office and hope to collaborate with USG and PERIOD. Meetings are Thursday at 4pm.
  - E. Jessica Roberts shares the Zero Waste update. They got many new ideas from Kickoff and sent out their first email. They have been getting ideas on brochures to teach students how to compost, finding interns and delegating tasks, starting to record podcasts and reaching out to Terracycle. Meetings are 4PM on Wednesdays.
- VI. Business
- A. Minutes
    1. Seier motions to approve the Core meeting minutes from Monday, September 13th, 2021.
    2. Cheyenne Tavares seconds.
    3. Motion passes unanimously..
- VII. Announcements/Wrap Up

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm

Minutes submitted by Monet Paredes (Secretary)