

UConn Praxis Core Meeting 22-6  
Monday, October 4th, 2021, 7 PM  
SU 331 & Zoom (remote location due to COVID-19 outbreak)

Voting Members (in-person): Natalie Seier (President), Rebecca Tripp (Vice President), Monet Paredes (Secretary), Rachael Allegakoen, Mehdi Namazi, Esai Vazquez-Marentes, Jessica Roberts, Cheyenne Tavares, Srimayi Chaturvedula, Nia Moore, Adam Benitez, Olivia Dwight, Zoe Baltrush, Gideon Botnick, Riya Patel, Amy Eweka, Cameron Cianci

Voting Members (virtual): Aaron Hinze

Non-voting member(s) (in-person): Kymberly Roberts, Dev Patel, Samantha Lamb, Michele Iraci

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:05pm by Natalie Seier (President)
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Organizational Updates
  - A. Executive Board Update
    1. Seier shares the update. They have been working on Rally for a Peaceful Planet, taking minutes, managing listserv, meeting with Sustainable Skies and USG for coalition building. The first Activist Class was hosted, office supplies were ordered. Activist Class this week will be telling a campaign story. There will only be one class this week due to the Rally for a Peaceful Planet.
  - B. Cabinet/Staff Update
    1. Cheyenne Tavares shares the update. The calendar is updated for October in the office. There were visibility table sign ups this week and this past week to promote social media and hand out merch. There is a table 12-2pm tomorrow.
- IV. Campaign Updates
  - A. Nia Moore shares the Affordable Textbooks update. They've been planning for Open Access Week October 25th-31st, meeting with Barnes and Noble Inclusive access program and followed up with Ethan Wersler (USG Vice President). Campaign meetings are Thursday at 5pm in the SOC
  - B. Srimayi Chaturvedula shares the Hunger and Homelessness update. They had their first campaign meeting, reached out about internships, did research on the impact of poverty on women's health, designed shirts for Hunger and Homelessness awareness week. They will be working with Stacy Maddern and the Charter Oak Cultural Center, planning for Husky Market to make it bigger and thinking about how they can support Afghan refugees. Campaign meetings are Thursdays 5pm in Praxis office.
  - C. Medhi Namazi shares the Sustainable Skies update. They have been meeting with Ecohusky, discussed environmental justice in the meeting, worked with the Zero Waste campaign to backwards plan for the podcast. Upcoming they will work on

visibility, start a website and look at past campaign successes. Campaign meetings are on Sundays at 12pm.

- D. Seier shares the Women's Rights campaign update. They have been giving out care packages all this past week. There will be a movie screening booked in the Student Union theatre. Upcoming they will order proun pins and be conducting class raps and are potentially looking into a women's shelter drive. Campaign meetings are Thursdays at 4pm.
  - E. Jessica Roberts shares the Zero Waste update. They picked collections for TerraCycle to collect on campus and they are going to be planning a movie screening with a table for ocean plastics. They worked with Sustainable Skies for planning the podcast. Campaign meetings are Wednesdays at 5pm.
- V. Business
- A. Minutes
    1. Seier motions to approve the Core meeting minutes from Monday, September 27th, 2021.
    2. Tavares seconds.
    3. Amy Eweka and Srimayi Chaturvedula abstain.
    4. Motion passes unanimously.
- VI. Rally for a Peaceful Planet
- A. UConn Praxis members join members from USG, Human Rights Symposium, UCCO, PowerUp UConn and Fridays for Future to make signs/posters for Rally for a Peaceful Planet.
- VII. Announcements/Wrap Up
- A. Seier shares that the Rally for a Peaceful Planet will be this Wednesday, October 6th at 12pm on the Student Union Lawn.
  - B. Rebecca Tripp shares interns should come to activist class this week on Tuesday from 7-8pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Minutes submitted by Monet Paredes (Secretary)