

UConn Praxis Core Meeting 22-7
Monday, October 11th, 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, Cheyenne Tavares, Kymberly Roberts, Nia Moore, Zoe Baltrush, Gideon Botnick, Amy Eweka, Dafne Alpdogan, Samantha Lamb, Aaron Hinze

Voting Members (virtual): Colleen Keller, Srimayi Chaturvedula

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:03pm by Natalie Seier (President)
- II. Welcome and Introductions
 - A. Members take the Gretchen Rubin quiz and introduce themselves with their results.
- III. Organizational Updates
 - A. Executive Board Update
 1. Seier shares the update. They give a thank you to everyone who attended the rally. Looking to collaborate with Native American Cultural Programs (NACP). This week, Activist Class will be doing a workshop on backwards planning. They share the Executive Board office hours.
 - B. Cabinet/Staff Update
 1. Cheyenne Tavares shares the update. The Instagram hit has over 1000 followers. This week Instagram will feature “10 Questions with Campaign Coordinators”. The purchase request form is finished.
- IV. Campaign Updates
 - A. Nia Moore shares the Affordable Textbooks update. They are working on Open Access Week, trying to get a browser extension to see textbook prices. They met with the librarian about Barnes and Noble's subscription program. Campaign meetings are Thursday at 5pm in the SOC.
 - B. Srimayi Chaturvedula shares the Hunger and Homelessness update. They have been brainstorming ideas on legislative action, donation drives, supporting homeless children and Holy Family Shelter through connection with interns. They'd like to start an initiative to support Afghan refugees and are willing to collaborate with other campaigns. They are planning a movie screen with Women's Rights during Hunger and Homelessness Week. Campaign meetings are on Thursdays 5pm in Praxis office.
 - C. Medhi Namazi shares the Sustainable Skies update. They have been working on an upcycling artwork event. They are planning workshops on environmental justice for women, biking and environmental racism as well as hosting an environmental justice panel and petitioning tabling for legislative action. They will be recording the first podcast episode this week. Campaign meetings are on Sundays at 12pm.
 - D. Zoe Baltrush shares the Women's Rights campaign update. They are working with Period to get a fundraising drive for a women's shelter. They will be handing out

pronoun pins. Last week they went to classes to give information on the campaign. They will be hosting an honors event in November and are working to select a speaker. Campaign meetings are Thursdays at 4pm.

- E. Seier shares the Zero Waste update. They are planning to have an ocean plastics event, handing out reusable utensils, and a movie screening. Campaign meetings are Wednesdays at 5pm.
- V. Business
- A. Minutes
 1. Seier motions to approve the Core meeting minutes from Monday, October 4th, 2021.
 2. Rebecca Tripp seconds.
 3. Colleen Keller abstains.
 4. Motion passes unanimously.
- VI. Announcements/Wrap Up
- A. Seier asks members to promote NACP events this week.
 - B. Tripp shares that Activist Class will be doing a backwards planning workshop this week. They ask that all interns attend.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm

Minutes submitted by Monet Paredes (Secretary)