

UConn Praxis Core Meeting 22-8
Monday, October 18th, 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, Jessica Roberts, Nia Moore, Srimayi Chaturvedula, Zoe Baltrush, Gideon Botnick, Dev Patel

Voting Member (virtual): Cameron Cianci

Non-Voting Members (in-person): Aly Frechette, Sophia Kim, Kayla DeMoura, Kailey Hurtado, Emily Brayton

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:02pm by Natalie Seier (President)
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Organizational Updates
 - A. Executive Board Update
 1. Seier shares the update. They have been preparing to present to the Board of Trustees Student Life Committee next week, are going to be hiring Retention and Recruitment director and submitted the UConn Contact Roster.
 - B. Cabinet/Staff Update
 1. Cheyenne Tavares shares the update. They ask members to support Open Access Week and there will be a TSOS meeting this week.
- IV. Campaign Updates
 - A. Nia Moore shares the Affordable Textbooks update. They share that next week is Open access week. The focus is “It Matters How We Open Knowledge: Building Structural Equality”. There will be tables and library seminars. There is a code for chrome extension. This Thursday meeting with Ethan Werstler to discuss Barnes and Noble inclusive access program that will be an automatic enrollment 5 year program for UConn students. They will resume faculty canvassing to collect data on course materials and will be working on showing the Red Hat documentary. Campaign meetings are Thursday at 7pm.
 - B. Srimayi Chaturvedula shares the Hunger and Homelessness update. They are planning Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week where there will be an educational panel, donation drives and a movie screening. They met with Stacy Maddern to help plan for the week as well as brainstorm potential speakers for the educational panel. They will begin filming the planning of the awareness week week as a filming project. Campaign meetings are on Thursdays 5pm.
 - C. Mehdi Namazi shares the Sustainable Skies update. They started website construction and started the first episode of Save the Earth podcast. They completed planning for an environmental justice for women seminar and biking system. Campaign meetings are on Sundays at 12pm.
 - D. Zoe Baltrush shares the Women’s Rights campaign update. They have been planning a reproductive health and consent panel on November 11, November

16th movie screening, December 3rd library tabling pamphlet on reproductive health and consent and planning a collaboration with PERIOD to organize hygiene and menstrual product drives. Campaign meetings are Thursdays at 4pm.

- E. Jessica Roberts shares the Zero Waste update. The first episode has been recorded. They are waiting to hear from Residential Life about the Terracycle program. They drafted an email about compost bins in the community garden, going to be meeting with the Hunger and Homeless Campaign for awareness week planning, setting up tables to hand out and not waste old merchandise and reaching out about sustainable merch. Campaign meetings are Wednesdays at 5pm.

V. Business

A. Minutes

1. Seier motions to approve the Core meeting minutes from Monday, October 11th, 2021.
2. Tavares seconds.
3. Jessica Roberts abstains.
4. Motion passes unanimously.

B. September Monthly Bill

1. Seier motions to approve the amount of \$4,024.64 for the September monthly bill.
2. Chaturvedula seconds.
3. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Branding Overview

- A. Tavares gives members an overview of branding to stress the importance of how branding impacts UConn Praxis.

VII. Tablign Training

- A. Rebecca Tripp asks members interactive questions to explain the importance and functioning of tabling and continues to do a live training on how to run a table.

VIII. Announcements/Action Items

- A. Seier shares that there is an anonymous incident report in the office, anyone can submit members for member highlights and anyone interested in the Retention And Recruitment Director position and reach out to the President.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Minutes submitted by Monet Paredes (Secretary)