

UConn Praxis Core Meeting 22-10
Monday, November 1st, 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, Esai Vazquez-Marentes, Cheyenne Tavares, Jessica Roberts, Amy Eweka, Emma Giguere, Meredith Veilleux, Riya Patel

Voting Members (virtual): Mehdi Namazi, Srimayi Chaturvedula, Nia Moore, Dev Patel, Zoe Baltrush, Dafne Alpdogan

Non-Voting Members (in-person): Daniel Hansford, Maria Rafaela Sette

Non-Voting Members (Virtual): Nia Foster, Durante Jones, Shauntae Nelson

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:04pm by Natalie Seier (President)
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Organizational Updates
 - A. Executive Board Update
 1. Seier shares the update. They met with the Board of Trustees Student Life Committee to give them an update on the rebrand. The Retention and Recruitment Director position application has been extended to November 15th.
 2. Rebecca Tripp shares that the activist class will be working on critical hope in Activism on Wednesday.
 - B. Cabinet/Staff Update
 1. Esai Vazquez-Marentes shares the update. Husky Market launched today, they ask members to share the social media posts. Local Connecticut elections are tomorrow and members should look forward to the first episode of the Save the Earth Podcast.
- IV. Campaign Updates
 - A. Nia Moore shares the Affordable Textbooks update. They shared Open Access Week went well last week with tables, an Instagram takeover, and 40 survey responses. Campaign meetings are Thursday at 7pm.
 - B. Srimayi Chaturvedula shares the Hunger and Homelessness update. They share Husky Market launched today with 484 responses so far and hope to get 700. They confirmed Muad Hrezi and a representative from IRIS for Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. They are working on getting boxes for donation drives and thinking about partnerships for those drives. Campaign meetings are on Thursdays 5pm.
 - C. Medhi Namazi shares the Sustainable Skies update. They have dates for panels and workshops, reached out to experts for the panels and UConn Sustainable Transport research faculty members. They are prepping for tabling and working on the upcoming podcast episode. Campaign meetings are on Sundays at 12pm.

- D. Zoe Baltrush shares the Women’s Rights campaign update. They share that the breast cancer awareness t-shirt design has been finalized and they are collaborating with USG (Undergraduate Student Government) to distribute menstrual products this weekend. They have a submission link for questions for the panel. Campaign meetings are Thursdays at 4pm.
 - E. Jessica Roberts shares the Zero Waste update. They share the movie night is on the 12th and it has been approved as an Honors event. They are planning a compost seminar to hand out personal compost bins for students and donating food with the Hunger and Homelessness Campaign. Campaign meetings are Wednesdays at 5pm.
- V. Business
- A. Minutes
 - 1. Seier motions to approve the Core meeting minutes from Monday, October 25th, 2021.
 - 2. Cheyenne Tavares seconds.
 - 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - B. Zero Waste Reusable Utensils
 - 1. Seier motions to approve an up to amount of \$1,800 for 200 4Ocean reusable utensil sets for the Zero Waste movie night.
 - 2. Tripp seconds.
 - 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - C. Sustainable Skies Clothing Racks
 - 1. Seier motions to approve an up to amount of \$200 for 4 clothing racks to be used by the Sustainable Skies Campaign in collaboration with EcoHusky for clothing swap.
 - 2. Tavares seconds.
 - 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - D. Hunger and Homelessness Hats
 - 1. Seier motions to approve an up to amount of \$300 for 144 Hats for Hunger and Homelessness Campaign.
 - 2. Tripp seconds.
 - 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - E. Hunger and Homelessness Wrapping Paper
 - 1. Seier motions to approve an up to amount of \$150 for wrapping paper for the Hunger and Homelessness donation boxes.
 - 2. Vazquez-Marentes seconds.
 - 3. Motion passes unanimously.
- VI. Voting in Local Elections
- A. Seier shares local Connecticut elections are tomorrow. They share the positions that are up for election.
 - B. Tavares shares that students can see a sample ballot, which buses then can take and where they can vote. There will be an informational Instagram post tomorrow.
- VII. Announcements/Action Items
- A. Seier shares a QR code that members can use to join GroupMe. There is an Environmental Justice Rally this Friday with Fridays for Future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm
Minutes submitted by Monet Paredes (Secretary)