

UConn Praxis Core Meeting 22-12
Monday, November 15th, 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, Mehdi Namazi, Kymberly Roberts, Zoe Baltrush, Srimayi Chaturvedula, Nia Moore, Riya Patel

Voting Members (virtual): William Ofori

Non-Voting Members (in-person): Aidan O'Connell, Alan Vinarsky, Lauren McNally

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:03pm by Natalie Seier (President)
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Organizational Updates
 - A. Executive Board Update
 1. Seier shares the update. They have been monitoring job applications which are open until next week. Clothing racks for the Sustainable Skies Campaign were approved.
 2. Rebecca Tripp shares a QR code for a guide for applying for Campaign Coordinator.
 - B. Cabinet/Staff Update
 1. Cheyenne Tavares shares the update. They share that they started a weekly newsletter and Zoom Pro Subscription purchase requisition has been sent in.
- IV. Campaign Updates
 - A. Nia Moore shares the Affordable Textbooks update. They share that last Thursday they met with USG, Kyle Muncy and Michael Bradford to talk about the Barnes and Noble access program. They are planning a Town Hall. Campaign meetings are Thursday at 7pm.
 - B. Srimayi Chaturvedula shares the Hunger and Homelessness update. They share that this week is Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week and have been collecting food, preparing to put out donation boxes and did an Instagram takeover. There will be a movie screening on Tuesday (11/16) and an Afghanistan Refugee Panel Event on Thursday (11/18) with representation from IRIS CT (Integrated refugee & Immigrant Services), QCRR (Quiet Corner Refugee Resettlement), Huskies for Refugees, Huskies for Human Rights and UNICEF. They are working on preparing for the Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week documentary. Campaign meetings are on Thursdays 5pm.
 - C. Medhi Namazi shares the Sustainable Skies update. The biking seminar will take place on November 30th with confirmed speakers. There will be an environmental justice panel on December 7th with confirmed panelist Professor Phoebe Godfrey. They also Met with EcoHusky to plan for the December 5th Clothing Swap and will be recording the next episodes of the podcast. They began transference of data to the

Praxis internal Environmental Research Database to now include information on seven pieces of plastic pollution focused legislation. Campaign meetings are on Sundays at 12pm.

- D. Zoe Baltrush shares the Women's Rights campaign update. They had a successful panel last week on reproductive health and consent. There will be a movie screening this week, as well as tabling and working on the website. Women's shelter drive will be on December 6th and 7th. Campaign meetings are Thursdays at 4pm.
 - E. Jessica Roberts shares the Zero Waste update. They hosted a movie night last week, recorded episode two of the podcast and received Spoons University donations. They are meeting with Windham Community Food Network on Wednesday (11/17). Campaign meetings are Wednesdays at 5pm.
- V. Business
- A. Minutes
 1. Seier motions to approve the Core meeting minutes from Monday, November 8th, 2021.
 2. Rebecca Tripp seconds.
 3. Rachael Allegakoen and Baltrush abstain.
 4. Motion passes unanimously.
 - B. Canva Subscription
 1. Seier motions to approve an up to amount of \$150 for an annual Canva subscription.
 2. Chaturvedula seconds.
 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - C. Adobe Subscription
 1. Seier motions to approve an up to amount of \$250 for an annual Adobe subscription.
 2. Tavares seconds.
 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - D. UConn Praxis Quarter Zips
 1. Seier motions to approve an up to amount of \$3,000 for 125 UConn Praxis quarter zips.
 2. Tripp seconds.
 3. Discussion
 - a) Tripp Asks if they are an embodied or sticker logo.
 - b) Tavares says there is an option to do as they wish.
 - c) Tripp asks if there will be a range of sizes.
 - d) Tavares confirms there will be a range of sizes.
 - e) Seier asks if an embroidered logo will cost more.
 - f) Tavares replies yes but not by a significant amount.
 - g) Seier clarifies that the extra 25 quarter zips are an estimate based on the amount of involved leadership that will actively use them.
 - h) Namazi asks how we are going to estimate what sizes to order.

- i) Seier suggests increasing the amount to 200 quarter zips to have more sizes to accommodate and suggests making a form to reserve them.
 - j) Tavares suggests they increase the purchasing amount.
 - k) Seier moves to remotion.
 - 4. Motion does not pass.
 - E. UConn Praxis Quarter Zips
 - 1. Seier motions to approve and up to \$4,000 for 200 UConn Praxis branded quarter zips.
 - 2. Tripp seconds.
 - 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - F. UConn Praxis Beanies
 - 1. Seier motions to approve an up to amount of \$3,000 for 250 UConn Praxis branded beanies.
 - 2. Esai Vazquez-Marentes seconds.
 - 3. Discussion
 - a) Namazi asks if they will all be the same blue and white color.
 - b) Seier confirms they will be.
 - 4. Motion passes unanimously.
 - G. UConn Praxis Padfolios
 - 1. Seier motions to approve an up to amount of \$1,000 for 25 UConn Praxis branded padfolios.
 - 2. Namazi seconds.
 - 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - H. UConn Praxis Water Bottles
 - 1. Seier motions to approve an up to amount of \$3,500 for 500 UConn Praxis branded water bottles.
 - 2. Tripp seconds.
 - 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - VI. Praxis Vision Slido Activity
 - A. Members participate in a Slido activity describing what they hope to see for the vision of UConn Praxis.
 - VII. Announcements/Action Items
 - A. Seier asks members to attend H&H events and go to campaign proposal advisory sessions (applications due 11/23).
 - VIII. Campaign Coordinator Q&A
 - A. Members interested in proposing a campaign are welcomed to stay after and ask questions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm

Minutes submitted by Monet Paredes (Secretary)