

UConn Praxis General Membership Meeting 22-18
Monday, February 7th 2022, 7:00 PM
Zoom (due to COVID-19 outbreak)

Voting Members (in person): Natalie Seier (President), Rebecca Tripp (Vice-President), Benjamin Albee (Treasurer), Monet Paredes (Secretary), Zoe Baltrush, Srimayi Chaturvedula, Esai Vazquez-Marentes, Kymberly Roberts, Jack Tyler, Peyton Marie De Lorenzo, Ryan Treadwell, Zoe Macris, Mehdi Namazi, Cheyenne Tavares, Ciara DeMott, Meredith Veilleux, Rachael Allegakoen, Samatha Lamb, Annalie Guzzo, Mary-Claire Brick, Defne Alpdogan, Lauren McNally, Rebekah Wesler, Laura Augenbraun, Kaleigh Lambert, Adam Benitez, William Ofori,

Voting Members (virtual): Rachael Allegakoen, Kailey Hurtado, Emma Baxter, Kayla Demoura, Nandini Bhatt

Non-Voting Member(s) (virtual): Chloe Connelly

Non-Voting member(s) (in-person): Jason Chan

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:12pm by Natalie Seier (President)
- II. Welcome & Introductions
- III. Organization Updates
 - A. Executive Board
 1. Seier shares that the executive board has been working on getting internships for credit, working on legislative work and has upcoming environmental justice workshop planning as well as working with the Board of Trustees.
 - B. Cabinet & Staff
 1. Cheyenne Tavares shares that the Cabinet sent out an open letter to UConn administration about sexual violence on campus.
 2. Jessica Roberts shares Kickoff will be this Wednesday from 6-8pm and encourages everyone to come for some fun!
- IV. Campaign Updates
 - A. Education for Everybody
 1. Jessica Roberts shares the campaign is looking for legislative, TEN (Textbook Exchange Network) and Printer Project interns.
 2. Seier shares the campaign is working with the library student success librarian.
 - B. Food and Housing Equity Project
 1. Srimayi Chaturvedula shares that they have been working on the Student Needs Project and currently have 72 responses and are expecting more. They share the results from the survey. Upcoming, they will be brainstorming for Husky Market, planning for care packages and have an upcoming tabling event on 2/18. Campaign meetings are to be determined.
 - C. Public Health

1. Kymberly Roberts shares that they met with the USG (Undergraduate Student Government) Sexual Health and Education to discuss different initiatives, began organizing with interns and is working on reserving a room for a movie screening. Upcoming they will be chalking for the protest this Wednesday 2/9. Campaign meetings will be determined after Kickoff.

D. Sustainable Skies

1. Medhi Namazi shares that they are planning Husky March with Human Rights Symposium and Fridays for Future, Connecticut Environmental Justice Conference Workshop. They share that they have nine interns. Upcoming they will be working to plan the conference, clothing swap and a documentary showing. Campaign meetings are Sundays at 3pm.

E. Voter Voices

1. Zoe Baltrush shares they chose *The Vote* as a movie for a screening, established a visibility intern and made a QR code for a voting pledge tabling event. Campaign meetings will be determined after Kickoff.

V. Business

A. Minutes

1. Seier motions to approve the UConn Praxis General Membership Meeting minutes from Monday, January 31st.
2. Medhi Namazi seconds.
3. Discussion
 - a) Monet Paredes shares that there was a typo: the date on the minutes has been changed from 2021 to 2022.
 - b) Lauren McNally asks about the renaming of Core to General Membership Meeting.
 - c) Seier clarifies it is the same meeting just with a new name according to the new by-laws and constitution.
4. Motion passes unanimously.

B. Recruitment Merchandise

1. Seier motion to approve an up to amount of \$5,000 for 200 water bottles and 100 quarter zips the Spring 2022 recruitment.
2. Rebecca Tripp seconds.
3. Motion passes unanimously.

C. Office Keys

1. Seier motions to approve an up to amount of \$200 for new keys for the Praxis office.
2. Peyton-Marie De Lorenzo.
3. Discussion
 - a) Tripp asks if the information desk will be open in the weeks to retrieve the keys.
 - b) Namazi asks how many keys will be allocated.
 - c) Benjamin Albee says there will be one key at the Student Union Information Desk and two additional keys.
 - d) Namazi asks if the old keys will still work.

- e) Albee says most likely yes.
- f) Seier says they did try to get swipe access.
- g) Namazi asks why the keys cost money.
- h) Seier clarifies that old members of the organization lost keys so it is the organization's responsibility to replace them.
- i) Dafne Alpdogan asks how the Student Union information desk knows someone is in Praxis.
- j) Paredes clarifies the information desk will have an authorized user list.
- k) Albee further clarifies one key will be for the information center and the organization will have two new keys after the locks are changed.

4. Motion passes by majority (*Namazi dissents*).

D. Student Life Award

- 1. Seier motions to approve an up to amount of \$1,000 to contribute to the Student Life Award.
- 2. Tavares seconds.
- 3. Discussion
 - a) Samantha Lamb asks what the money goes towards.
 - b) Albee says it is a scholarship that could go to student tuition.
 - c) De Lorenzo asks if we are the only organization that contributes to the scholarship.
 - d) Albee says no, they are one of many organization and all the money will not go to just one scholarship, but be spread out.
- 4. Motion passes unanimously.

VI. Activity

A. There is no activity for the sake of time.

VII. Announcements & Action items

- A. Seier asks students to participate in the walk out and says there is paint and markers in the office to make posters.
- B. Roberts reminds everyone Kickoff is this wednesday and to look out for the virtual link for that.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm

Minutes submitted by Monet Paredes (Secretary)