

UConn Praxis General Membership Meeting 22-25
Monday, April 4th, 2022, 7:00 PM
Koons Hall 201 & Zoom (due to COVID-19 outbreak)

Voting Members (in person): Rebecca Tripp (Vice-President), Benjamin Albee (Treasurer), Monet Paredes (Secretary), Kymberly Roberts, Peyton Marie De Lorenzo, Cheyenne Tavares, Rachael Felder, Jessica Roberts, Esai Vazquez-Marentes, Lauren McNally, William Ofori, Zoe Baltrush, Chloe Connelly

Voting Members (virtual): Mehdi Namazi, Zoe Macris, Dafne Alpdogan, Daniella Diaz, Charis Chui, Jack Tyler, Rebekah Wesler, Nick DeMarco, Laura Augenbraun, Kaleigh Lambert

Non-Voting Member(s) (virtual): Avery Hermann, Matthew Karp, Wiktor Szwajger

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:09pm by Rebecca Tripp (Vice-President)
- II. Welcome & Introductions
- III. Organization Updates
 - A. Executive Board
 1. Benjamin Albee shares that the Husky Market application is almost ready to be sent out.
 2. Tripp congratulates the new Executive Board. They share Campaign Coordinator and Cabinet positions are posted on JobX, advisory session hours, informal legislative postering session hours, Board of Trustees student life committee meeting and that there is a Praxis team for the Refugee Relief Run. They encourage members to participate.
 3. Wiktor Szwajger shares that they are working with the city of Chelmsford that has taken in many Ukrainian refugees. They share that they need more volunteers to print and poster flyers and tables.
 4. Monet Paredes shares that UConn Hillel is hosting a Good Deeds Day for anyone interested in attending.
 - B. Cabinet & Staff
 1. Jessica Roberts shares for anyone interested to sign up for tables for Education for Everyone and Voter Voices. They also share that Canva and Adobe subscriptions are now available.
 2. Cheyenne Tavares shares that they have office hours this Wednesday for anyone interested in becoming Director of Communications.
- IV. Campaign Updates
 - A. Education for Everybody
 1. Albee shares that members should share the educational resources questionnaire. Campaign meetings are Monday from 4-5pm.
 - B. Food and Housing Equity Project
 1. Roberts shares Dear UConn is underway. They looked over the student needs survey and planned what will go in care packages. Campaign meetings are Monday from 6-7pm.

2. William Ofori shares Dear UConn will be a town hall for students to share concerns for UConn reslife and dining services. They hope to have Mason Holland and the incoming student trustee in attendance on April 19th.

C. Public Health

1. Kymberly Roberts shares that they are preparing for an education panel on mental health, working on a letter, tabling for a survey for mental health and insurance, and have a mediation and yoga day on April 13th. Campaign meetings are Thursday from 6:30-7:30pm..

D. Sustainable Skies

1. Mehdi Namazi shares that they are organizing a Fast Fashion panel on April 19th and finalized efforts for an equitable energy transition panel. They are making plans for the future of TheSwap and share a signup form for bussing for Husky March. Campaign meetings are Sundays at 3pm.

E. Voter Voices

1. Zoe Baltrush shares they are having a tabling event for students to pledge to vote and are hosting a discussion with Denise Merrill. Upcoming they are meeting with Every Vote Counts (EVC) and sent out an EVC survey about voting and voting access. Campaign meetings are Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30pm.

V. Business

A. Minutes

1. Tripp motions to approve the UConn Praxis General Membership Meeting minutes from Monday, March 28th.
2. Albee seconds.
3. Motion passes unanimously.

B. Minutes

1. Tripp motions to approve the UConn Praxis General Membership Meeting minutes from Monday, March 31th.
2. Esai Marentes seconds.
3. K. Roberts, Peyton Marie De Lorenzo, Tavares, Rachael Felder, Lauren McNally, Ofori, Chloe Connelly, Namazi, Zoe Macris, Dafne Alpdogan, Daniella Diaz, Charis Chui, Jack Tyler, Rebekah Wesler, Nick DeMarco, Laura Augenbraun and Kaleigh Lambert abstain.
4. Motion passes unanimously.

C. Adobe Creative Cloud

1. Albee motions to approve an up to amount of \$500 for a subscription for the Adobe Creative Cloud.
2. Tripp seconds.
3. Motion passes unanimously.

D. University Catering: Dear UConn

1. Tripp motions to approve an up to amount of \$800 for University Catering wraps for the Food and Housing Equity Project's Dear UConn initiative.
2. Ofori seconds.
3. Motion passes unanimously.

E. By-Laws

1. Tripp motions to approve the UConn Praxis By-Laws as updated April 2022.
2. Albee seconds.
3. Motion passes unanimously.

F. Organizational Chart

1. Albee motions to approve the UConn Praxis Organizational Chart as updated April 2022.
2. Tavares seconds.
3. Discussion:
 - a) Baltrush asks where the new Director of Legislative Advocacy is considered among leadership.
 - b) Tripp clarifies they would be a cabinet position overseen by the president.
4. Motion passes unanimously.

VI. Announcements & Action items

- A. Albee shares that there is an Outing Club town hall to diversify the outdoors and encourages members to attend.
- B. Tripp shares Poland relief work and encourages members to sign up to volunteer.
- C. Paredes shares the Campaign Coordinator and Cabinet applications are open.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm

Minutes submitted by Monet Paredes (Secretary)