

UConn Praxis General Membership Meeting 22-28
Monday, April 25th, 2022, 7:00 PM
Koons Hall 201 & Zoom (due to COVID-19 outbreak)

Voting Members (in person): Natalie Seier (President), Benjamin Albee (Treasurer), Monet Paredes (Secretary), Kymberly Roberts, Cheyenne Tavares, Rachael Felder, Jessica Roberts, William Ofori, Esai Vazquez-Marentes, Peyton Marie de Lorenzo Pease, Desiray Green, Laura Augenbraun, Mehdi Namazi, John Tyler, Ciara DeMott

Voting Members (virtual): Rebecca Tripp (Vice-President), Zoe Baltrush, Zoe Macris, Kaleigh Lambert, Rachael Allegakoen, Chloe Connelly, Defne Alpdogan

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:05pm by Natalie Seier (President)
- II. Welcome & Introductions
- III. Business
 - A. Minutes
 1. Seier motions to approve the UConn Praxis General Membership Meeting minutes from Monday, April 18th, 2022.
 2. Benjamin Albee seconds.
 3. Ciara DeMott, Defne Alpdogan, Chloe Connelly, and Peyton Marie de Lorenzo Pease abstain.
 4. Motion passes unanimously.
 - B. December 2021 Monthly Bill
 1. Seier motions to approve the December Monthly Bill at an amount of \$6,154.64.
 2. Cheyenne Tavares seconds.
 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - C. January 2022 Monthly Bill
 1. Seier motions to approve the January Monthly Bill at an amount of \$77,421.11.
 2. Albee seconds.
 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - D. February 2022 Monthly Bill
 1. Seier motions to approve the February Monthly Bill at an amount of \$4,851.63.
 2. Albee seconds.
 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - E. March 2022 Monthly Bill
 1. Seier motions to approve the March Monthly Bill at an amount of \$8,436.31.
 2. Monet Paredes seconds.
 3. Motion passes unanimously.
 - F. Overtime Hours
 1. Seier motions to approve Mehdi Namazi's 10.75 additional hours of work from April 8th to April 21st pay period.

2. De Lorenzo Pease seconds.
3. Discussion:
 - a) Albee evaluates how to prevent paid leadership from working over 20 hours per week.
 - b) Namazi explains last week was Earth Week and they were involved in a lot of planning and scheduling that led to them going over 20 hours.
 - c) Albee shares everything Namazi did is justified under Namazi's role.
4. Namazi abstains.
5. Motion passes unanimously.

IV. Campaign Proposals

- A. Ciara DeMott proposes the Education for Everybody Campaign. They explain the range of student loan debt and want to take an approach that would frame the state legislation regarding education differently. They want to create transparency for students in loans. They would maintain relationships with Library Success and Student Success. They will focus on legislative work to make price transparency required across the university and expanding NOLO (No Cost Low Cost). They would do supply donation drives, financial literacy workshops, use library success surveys, do mental health initiatives in terms of education, and encourage professors to use open access resources.

DeMott exits the room at 7:38pm.

The General Membership engages in closed discussion.

DeMott returns at 7:44pm.

1. Seier motions to approve the Education is for Everybody Campaign as proposed by Ciara DeMott for fall 2022.
2. Albee seconds.
3. Motion passes unanimously.
- B. William Ofori proposes the Food & Housing Equity Campaign. They explain their goals are to bring food and housing awareness to UConn. They want to improve the state of housing and food on the campus as it is a form of student health and well-being. To do this they will work with food pantries and open a vegan cafe. They want to volunteer at soup kitchens, plan for a food pantry on campus, advocate for student housing and dining on campus and host panels.

Ofori exits the room at 7:56

The General Membership engages in closed discussion.

Ofori returns at 8:02pm.

 1. Seier motions to approve the Food & Housing Equity Campaign as proposed by William Ofori for fall 2022.
 2. Albee seconds.
 3. Motion passes unanimously.
- C. Laura Augenbraun proposes the Sustainable Skies Campaign. Their goals are to get the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education recognition and use it to incentivize UConn. They would like to partner with Terracycle to collect waste from UConn and Environment Connecticut to work

towards net zero carbon emissions. They want to continue to focus on intersectionality through an environmental justice perspective through a podcast

Augenbraun exits the room at 8:12pm.

The General Membership engages in closed discussion.

Augenbraun returns at 8:14pm.

1. Seier motions to approve the Sustainable Skies Campaign as proposed by Laura Augenbraun for fall 2022.
2. Namazi seconds.
3. Motion passes unanimously.

V. Announcements & Action items

- A. Seier shares that it is the last day for the Student Needs Survey.
- B. Paredes shares for members to attend Dear UConn and fill out the student testimony form.
- C. Namazi shares for members to come to Husky March on Friday at 11am.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm

Minutes submitted by Monet Paredes (Secretary)