

UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2011

Attendees: B. Benjamin, L. Bickmore, J. Collins, S. D'Alessandro, J. Gendron, M. Grosshandler, J. Hanifan, T. Hoey, C. Jewell, S. Kudzin, G. Landsman, C. Merbler, A. Olin, G. Petry, R. See, J. Uppal, L. Wittner, P. Romain, K. Thompson-LaPerle

The meeting commenced at 12:127p.m.

Waive approval of the 3/30/11 Executive Committee meeting minutes:
Collins moved, See seconded, the vote carries.

I. Reports

A. Officers

1. President Merbler went over her report:
 1. We have many new colleagues joining us in their new capacity as delegates.
 2. NB or now → send basket themes, ideas, etc., to Merbler.
 3. The Times Union's piece was an editorial, not an opinion page. Continue to educate our members. Newsletter deadline is today at 5 pm. Discussion regarding, among other things, a newsletter team, to begin 6/11.
 4. Merbler sent an email to Jim McGrath today asking to reproduce his editorial (not endorsing it) in our newsletter, with credit to him. It's not exactly the UUP "line," but Merbler says it's "educational." Merbler will write a disclaimer attached to it, in The Forum.
 5. Merbler and Steen to meet with Dean, CAS, on several issues.
 6. Merbler to schedule summer meetings, but will also have surgery sometime this summer.
 7. Return to Kelly, your choices for membership on UUP Statewide Committees.
 8. Bylaws: Merbler: 2001 was our last bylaws revision. Subsequent to this, UUP Statewide Constitution changed, automatically replacing Chapter by-laws. Discussion. Collins believed we should **know** our by-laws. Hanifan moved to review & update the Chapter by-laws, via an Ad Hoc Bylaws Review Committee. D'Alessandro seconded. Discussion. Merbler read a section of the bylaws aloud to the Executive Committee. Olin suggesting revising Chapter bylaws to reflect changes in the UUP Statewide Constitution. See suggests, as a friendly amendment, tabling the issue until the first Executive Committee meeting of the new session (6/11). The Friendly Amendment was agreed to. More discussion; See would like the by-laws posted on the website; Hoey seconded. More discussion. Merbler will post the outdated bylaws with a disclaimer for the General Membership, because the bylaws are, as of now, outdated. Hoey asked that Committee membership which is on the website, be turned

off/taken down until it is updated. More discussion. Changes may not happen until next week, because Knee is on sick leave for a few days. Vote (for ad hoc committee to review the bylaws, as of 6/11); it carries. Kelly to send PDF files to See for conversion; then link to 3rd party (i.e., Dropbox), will go onto website.

9. No date set for the SUNY summit, so call your legislators ASAP.

ADD-ONS

1. Merbler: Chapter sends sympathies to Sally D'Alessandro and will make a contribution to one of the family's charities. Applause.
2. **Vice President for Academics:** Steen: absent on a mini-vacation.
3. **Vice President for Professionals:** Abraham in Haiti on exploration trip for SUNY students' trip to take place later in May.
4. **Secretary:** Jewell: I'm sorry, but the minutes are not up to date.
5. **Treasurer:** Olin: The reports (3) are attached to your packet today.
6. **Part-time Concerns Rep:** Hanifan: Working on a workshop with Hedberg. There will be two this week which will include deans, chairs, assistants to chairs invited, as well as Tina Reimers from the Provost's Office. Ideas gleaned from the first workshop included the following: LLC has a handbook for Part-timers; School of Business has an 8 a.m. retreat for new Part-timers. Grad students hired as term appointment part-timers often squeezed out of their rights vis-à-vis collective bargaining agreements; this differs amongst different departments. Hanifan also meeting with Project Renaissance and other Part-timers. Brief discussion. Merbler added:
 - a. Part-timers are eligible for PD grants;
 - b. Part-timers are eligible for DSI;
 - c. Riemers has a list of adjuncts, which Admin/HR doesn't have; list is currently housed in ITLAL! More discussion.

B. **Standing Committees:** None.

C. **Ad Hoc Committees:** None.

II. **Old Business:** None.

III. **New Business:**

1. Basket discussion: Dutch Heritage: Landsmann moved, Petry seconded, vote carries. Tulips, Gouda cheese, pretzels, Dutch courage (alcohol), cocoa, treats. Kelly will send an email out reflecting this; call Hanifan for info. Discussion about cheese.
2. **University Social Committee:** Kudzin: University Picnic is 6/3; tickets now being sold. Discussion about gift card. Kudzin to bring receipts to Germain. Book House? Or other local business, i.e., Honest Weight? 1 \$25 for Book House and the other \$25 for Honest Weight. The vote carries.
3. Romain: At the last meeting, we voted to expend \$400 for Haiti trip, contingent on UUP funding, which was contingent on NYSUT funding. The NYSUT money didn't come through, so Romain went to campus; the Provost is partially paying for the students; so Romain was asked to bring this back to the Executive Committee. He is now also trying to get money from AFT. Petry moved to give \$400, Knapp seconded. Merbler needs to know exactly what the \$400 would go for. More discussion. To help defray the 16 students' travel costs (\$25 per student); vote carries.
4. See asked a question about the cost of picnic tickets. Merbler gave background on UUP's position on Chapter spending (now up to 4% for agency fee). Discussion. Next year, things could be different.

Move to adjourn by See, D'Alessandro seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 2:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol H. Jewell,
Secretary