

**UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2009**

Attendees: C. Jewell, P. Abraham, L. Wittner, R. Vives, G. Petry, J. Hanifan, B. Shadrick, R. See, I. Steen, M. Seidel, P. Romain, A. Olin, J. Collins, S. D'Alessandro, J. Uppal, S. Knapp, F. Jacques, D. LaComb, T. Hoey, L. Bickmore, K. Thompson-LaPerle,
Guest: Dr. Hayward Horton

The meeting commenced at 12:30 pm.

Waive approval of minutes from 11/4/09 Executive Committee meeting.
Abraham moved, Collins seconded, the vote carries.

I. Reports

A. Officers

1. **President:** The President is absent due to a family medical emergency and has no report. Vice President for Academics Steen will run today's meeting.
2. **VP for Academics:** Steen had no formal report but reported that he is meeting with many members, no pattern to the problems. Many concerns; people are upset because of possible budget ramifications, especially for non-tenured faculty. Collins asked what we (delegates) should convey to members. Steen: Tenure will not be held up because of budget. Brief discussion. At least 25 Part-timers are already non-renewed/gone. Hanifan will have numbers at the next meeting. Uppal asked about e-student evaluations and impact on promotion/tenure/continuing appointment, i.e., "Rate My professor." He asked Steen to take this to a Labor Management meeting. More discussion.
3. **VP for Professionals:** Abraham reported that he is also very busy meeting with members. Abraham explained about the 12/9/09 extended EC meeting with the 2 Chartwell "sides," giving presentations. Secretary Jewell wants positions in writing, 1 page or less. Members will be able to ask questions. Also, in writing, where are they with the court case? Wittner asked for more detail, which Hanifan provided.
4. **Secretary:** I have no report.
5. **Treasurer:** I have no financial report. You will have one at the next meeting. UUP Central is moving reports to Quicken and Olin will do the same for our Chapter.
6. **PT Rep:** Will send report in writing before 12/9/09.

B. Standing Committees

1. **Solidarity:** Wittner gave more information on Chartwells' issue. Hanifan mentioned a NY Times article, from 11/19/09, regarding

“pink sheeting.” The dispute is national. Steen: It is a very messy situation. Hanifan and Jewell disagreed on whether to hear grievances of Chartwells’ workers. More will be discussed on or after the 12/9/09 meeting. Wittner gave information about the Martin Luther King celebration on in January 2010, and will send more information later.

C. Ad Hoc Committees

1. Peace and Justice: Collins: Waiting to send letter on support of public option. Statewide committees encourage us to teach about Afghan War and the public cost→UA, spring 2010.

II. Old Business: None

III. New Business

1. Knapp made an announcement about Empire Service Dogs. She is selling \$5 tickets for a drawing. 12/6/09 discounts at Crossgates.
2. Hanifan and graduate students from the Writing Center are collecting gently used coats. There is also a food can drive with a 1,000 lb. goal, for the Regional Foodbank. The Writing Center is open 10-4, daily.
3. Horton: Thank you for inviting me. Last Tuesday was my first time at a General Membership meeting and I want to get involved in the Union! Applause.
4. Wittner asked if we could start meetings earlier (12:10)? Steen said the problem is that people are getting food at that time. Wittner asked if we could start our business earlier? Abraham said Officers would discuss this.

Uppal moved to adjourn, Collins seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol H. Jewell,
Secretary