

UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes April 7, 2010

Attendees: C. Merbler, A. Olin, C. Jewell, P. Romain, P. Abraham, M. Knee, M. Seidel, J. Gendron, T. Hoey, R. See, L. Bickmore, J. Collins, M. Grossman, M. Manjak – Guest, K. Thompson-LaPerle

The meeting commenced at 12:25 p.m.

- I. Approval of minutes: Abraham moved and Romain seconded, to approve the minutes of the 1/27/10 meeting; the vote carried. See moved and Romain seconded, to approve the minutes of the 2/17/10 meeting; the vote carried. Abraham moved and Romain seconded, to waive the minutes of the 3/10/10 meeting; the vote carried.

II. Reports

A. Officers

President: Merbler touched on selected items in her report:

Send email and faxes about the budget and saving SUNY!

Thank you to Patrick and Maritza for getting so many students to join us for UUP Constituency Advocacy Day. The students were wonderful and cannot wait to volunteer to do it again. Collins: It was a good event. Merbler also acknowledged Marty Manjak's continued presence at Advocacy Days.

Merbler acknowledged the hard work done by Jim C., Lee B., Gail L., Tom H., Bret B., and Larry W. on the well attended FORUM on March 18th. There were approximately 45-50 folks in attendance.

Merbler also reminded Executive Committee members of the upcoming Delegate Assembly, deadline dates and the pre DA meeting. This year the DA conflicts with commencement weekend but we need to get as many folks there as possible, especially due to elections. Reminder that Abraham is running once again for Exec Board.

Merbler consulted other officers, and after several internal discussions, we are moving to a panel of folks who are willing to assist with the production of a regular Chapter newsletter. Merbler asked Exec Committee members to recognize all the hard work that Jewell has provided for so many years. Hopefully, many hands will make light work. Applause for Jewell.

Merbler also thanked Jim Collins for representing the UUP Albany Chapter at the Social Action Conference being held this coming Saturday on the Albany campus.

Add-on

1. Merbler talked about our basket at the DA and asked for suggestions. Gendron suggested a BBQ basket and the body agreed.
2. Collins: There were about 45 at the forum on 3/18. We need to have more communication with our members (see also under New Business). Discussion of Chapter By-laws re: newsletter editor. Discussion on how we use or should use our Chapter Website and Newsletter. Merbler: We welcome all your suggestions.
3. Hoey asked a question about the 2/22/10 Labor/Management meeting minutes and Merbler clarified.
4. Hoey asked about targeted retrenchment of individuals within departments. Seidel spoke on this. Only whole programs/units can be retrenched. They can't target individuals. Also, sometimes terms are used incorrectly. More discussion. Seidel: As of yesterday, SUNY has still not asked for restorations.
5. Merbler: We keep asking at Labor/Management for Workplace Violence Training. Seidel and Merbler gave more info about this.
6. Preliminary plan (due 3/23 to Chancellor's office) for layoffs/retrenchments. Merbler asked for the plan and has so far heard nothing from Management. Merbler may FOIL it.

2. **VP for Academics:** Absent (at conference)
3. **VP for Professionals:** Abraham: Dealing with a denial of permanent appointment case.
4. **Secretary:** Jewell: Minutes are late, sorry; I have been ill.
5. **Treasurer:** Olin: Report for 3/10 is last page of your packet.
6. **PT Concerns Rep:** Absent

B. Standing Committees

1. Solidarity and Peace & Justice (Collins) organized a film and forum on Afghanistan...will go onto Website.
2. EAP: Bischoff: Seckerson will contact Seidel for collaboration.

3. Grievance: Seidel: We are waiting for arbitrator's decision.
Discussion.

C. Ad Hoc Committees: None

III. Old Business: None.

C. New Business

1. Notification of Chapter Assistant Regarding Summer Hours:
Need to notify by 4/15 of each year regarding reduction in summer hours for Chapter Assistant. Kelly works 30 hours a week during academic semesters. Then, starting right after Memorial Day through one week before the students return; usually 20 hours a week. UUP Central only pays the first 10 hours of Kelly's salary. See moved for 20 hours a week (minimum 4 days a week), Jewell seconded and the vote carries.

Hoey moved to adjourn and the meeting ended at 1:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol H. Jewell, Secretary