

**UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**May 4, 2010**

**Attendees:** I. Steen, A. Olin, P. Abraham, R. See, M. Grosshandler, J. Collins, L. Wittner, N. Keelen, G. Petry, S. D'Alessandro, S. Kudzin, J. Gendron, M. Knee, G. Landsman, T. Hoey, R. Vives, C. Jewell, D. LaComb, C. Merbler, C. Bischoff, F. Jaquez, J. Hanifan, B. Shadrick, K. Thompson-LaPerle

The meeting commenced at 12:22 p.m..

- I. Approval of minutes from 3/10/10 and 4/7/10 Executive Committee Meetings:  
Abraham moved, See seconded. Corrections: In the 3/10/10 minutes, under New Business, 2., the figure should be \$21,549; In the 4/7/10 minutes, Seelen was, in fact, present.  
The vote carries.
  
- II. Reports
  - A. **Officers**
    1. **President**
      1. Thank you to all for all your hard work this past year!
      2. Merbler gave background on PHEEIA. Wittner added explanatory comments, and passed around a list of Senators, urging us to speak to the ones we know. Collins also added comments. Collins will also forward Jackie Hayes' email.
      3. Tentative - Furloughs will be 1 day per week until the budget is signed.
      4. Print your DA materials from the Chapter Website. Kelly will forward the password and username. The scheduling of the DA, for us, could not have been worse, because we (UA) also have Commencement that weekend.

Applause for Wittner and Steen, our new O'Leary Professors.

Collins circulated a piece from our Constitution regarding the Executive Board and the things we are supposed to do. He strongly encouraged us to read it (on the website). Discussion. Merbler publically apologized for not bringing the name of the new newsletter co-editors (Hanifan, Jung and Fitzpatrick) to the Executive Committee for their approval prior to their appointment. She explained that when you get a volunteer, it isn't often – especially for the newsletter. Hanifan told us which newsletter items she still needs.

5. Send your Statewide Committee preferences to Merbler by noon on 5/13/10.

6. Zimpher did NOT mention UUP in her speech at the NYSUT RA. There has never been a chancellor speak at the NYSUT RA. Hoey added comments, as did Abraham. Steen said President Smith said he (Smith) invited her, however, he didn't discuss this with the UUP Statewide Executive Board. Discussion. This is sure to be discussed at the DA. Hanifan would like the chapter to write a letter. Hoey is opposed to this. More discussion.

Abraham moved, and Hanifan seconded, at 12:55 pm, to go into Executive Session. Merbler moved, and See seconded, at 12:56 pm, to come out of Executive Session.

2. **VP for Academics:** No report.
3. **VP for Professionals:** Abraham said, re: #8, below)the UUP website says 6 months for terms contracts, 1 year for permanent appointment. Article 33 case has concluded; we await Chancellor's decision. Applause for Abraham dealing with a very difficult situation. Thank you for your efforts.
4. **Secretary:** Jewell: The minutes will be ready soon.
5. **Treasurer:** Your packet has 2 items. Quarterly report which is now due. 3/31 balance is \$19,896.35. 4/30 balance is \$17,300.64. Agency fee is still with legal/UUP Statewide.
6. **Part-time Concerns Rep:** No report.

President Merbler left the room. Abraham took the Chair. See moved, Vives seconded, to approve the Chapter President's release time (10% of 40% paid by UA Chapter, \$2,640). Brief discussion. Collins spoke in support of this resolution. The vote carried without abstentions. Merbler re-entered the room and took back the Chair.

7. Collins asked a question about the newsletter, which Hanifan answered.
8. Tensions are escalating. Keep letting us know what you're hearing! See asked a question about retrenchment. Faculty and Staff usually have 6 months; M/C get about 15 minutes to clear out. Discussion.
9. Thank you for BBQ goodies donated for the raffle basket. You still have until next Tuesday at the pre-DA lunch.

## **B. Standing Committees**

1. **Solidarity:** Wittner said the action at the Holiday Inn Express, Latham, continues.
2. **EAP:** Bischoff said the last EAP meeting was 4/8/10. The May 2010 newsletter is out. Wellness Fair was 4/21/10, went very well. 50 vendors. But the walk-through was down compared to previous years. He passed around brochures; EAP may have more, contact them. 4/30/10 was shredding day, a big success, and next fall we will have another one.

### **C. Ad Hoc Committees**

1. **Peace & Justice:** Collins said 4/10/10 was the Social Action Conference at UA. He spoke briefly about/against PHEEIA.

III. **Old Business:** None.

### **IV. New Business**

1. Abraham talked about training for supervisors; will talk to Seidel and maybe Hedberg. Merbler will do email vote for funds, if possible.
2. Collins: Speak out for members.
3. Merbler will be out 5/18-6/1; end of June in DC, at ALA; few days in July; 1 week in August (Cancun)—phone will be on.
4. Merbler: Keep your eyes and ears open as to where \$ is being wasted!!.

There was a motion to adjourn by acclamation and the meeting adjourned at 1:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol H. Jewell,  
Secretary