

**UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee Meeting
June 10, 2009**

Attendees: C. Merbler, D. Hoecker, K. Steen, J. Uppal, L. Bickmore, S. Knapp, G. Landsman, L. Wittner, J. Collins, M. Knee, B. Benjamin, P. Abraham, S. D'Alessandro, G. Petry, P. Romain, C. Jewell, T. Hoey, J. Gendron, N. Keelen, R. See, S. Kudzin, M. Grosshandler, M. Seidel, K. Thompson-LaPerle

The meeting commenced at 12:22 p.m.

President Merbler welcomed all of our new delegates and introductions were done around the room: name, where you work, your role in the Chapter.

- I. Waive approval of Executive Committee Meeting minutes from:
6/12/07, 11/2/07, 1/21/09, 4/17/09, and 5/4/09: Abraham moved, Wittner seconded, and the vote carried. Abraham declared that the minutes from 6/12/07 and 11/2/07 are lost; he cannot find them, and asked that a friendly amendment be added.

Approve the minutes of 3/23/09: Abraham moved, Landsman seconded, and the vote carried.

II. Reports

A. Officers

1. **President:** Before her report, President Merbler explained the packets to the new Delegates. Ask whatever questions you have! Thank you for representing your colleagues at UA!
2. Merbler gave more information about the "voluntary contributions" memo. With Seidel, Merbler formulated a letter to President Philip, telling him there are many things in conflict with the contract in the grassroots plan. Brief discussion, a few questions, more discussion. Merbler has no further update on the status of the UAlbany budget. There is a big shortfall. The fall meeting schedule is on yellow paper in your packet today.
3. Merbler has forwarded all responses back to UUP Central re: statewide committee appointments. Individuals will hear directly from Phil Smith if they are being appointed. Abraham may have more information after 6/18/09.
- 4a. Merbler explained the Good & Welfare envelope.
4. Merbler explained about Chapter committees. Jewell said that GLBTQ was omitted. Jewell described how GLBTQ got started, both at the Chapter and Statewide levels. Collins asked about PAW (Pride at Work, affiliated with the AFL-CIO). Jewell affirmed that she gets information from PAW.

5. We are currently losing numbers; only 83% membership currently. The fall 2009 DA is in Rochester. Carpooling and train is cheap. Air travel is cost-prohibitive. EOL was discussed.
6. We will vote on funding some possible activities—see under New Business.
7. Merbler detailed her travel plans for this summer. Steen will be Acting President while Merbler is out of the country from 6/24/09 through 7/1/09.
8. Summer Chapter office hours were noted.
9. We had a unanimous vote to keep Hoecker on as Chapter Treasurer until the results of the runoff election come in. Thank you. Applause.
10. Again, welcome to the new delegates! Applause.

Questions for the President

1. Hoey: Should UA be concerned about UB 2020? Merbler: No. Seidel explained what 2020 is. Steen spoke about it as “the end of the SUNY system,” if 2020 gets passed.
2. Hoey moved to go into Executive Session at 1:20 pm; vote carries. But first, Merbler explained to new delegates what “executive session” is. Wittner and Uppal motioned to come out of Executive Session at 1:30 pm. The vote carries.

Merbler’s Add-ons

1. Remember to RSVP to Kelly for catered lunches!
2. Under New Business, add a new item: Chapter to send a gift to the New President, with funds taken from Good & Welfare.

- III. **VP for Academics:** Steen spoke briefly on the O’Leary Professorships. Uppal asked him if there was a Management response to the 3/23/09 Commission 101 “principle”? Steen: No. Brief discussion.
- IV. **VP for Professionals:** Abraham said he was busy with issues re: professionals.
- V. **Secretary:** Jewell had no report today.
- VI. **Treasurer:** Hoecker said the April 2009 and May 2009 reports are in the packets today. Applause and Thank You.
- VII. **PT Concerns:** Absent.

B. Standing Committee Reports

1. **Solidarity:** Wittner said there will be labor protests at the Holiday Inn in Latham; support them. Also Times Union workers need our support. Cancel your subscriptions! Kelly has some postcards left. Seidel will ask Darryl what status of (sent) postcards is. Labor Day Picnic is at Ganser Park, in Menands. Details to come later. Employee Free Choice Act: Obama to sign, but Senate

Republicans may filibuster. Email/contact senators with your support. (Organized Labor major bill this year.)

2. **Social Committee:** Merbler for Lacomb: Merbler emailed about the co-pay end and got no negative response. Only about 50 people RSVP'ed for the picnic this year.

3. **Grievance:** Petry: You **can** respond/grieve to a Performance Program and Evaluation. You do not need to send the response to your supervisor. Petry says to give to supervisor and hand-deliver to Mancuso. Seidel: Remember, you have no obligation to send/give to your supervisor.

C. **Ad Hoc Committees**--None

III. **Old Business**—None

IV. **New Business**

1. Merbler left the room. Steen took over as chair of the meeting and explained about the President's release time for 2009/10. Motion to support Merbler's release time @40% ; Chapter will need to pay →10%=\$2482(approximately). Abraham moved, Hoey seconded, and the vote carries.
2. Approval for Tentative Mini Workshop on JLMC Grants Program in August: Merbler explained briefly. Review applications, etc. Snacks and beverages→\$300. Hoey moved, Jewell seconded, and the vote carries.
3. Approval for Tentative Mini Version of Orientation Fair for New and Part-Time Faculty: Welcome kits, Labor and Management to welcome new faculty (about \$400 needed), no booths. Jewell moved, Bickmore seconded, the vote carries.
4. Installation gift for George Philip, as new President of UA: Jewell moved that we fund a check, in the amount of \$100, from Good & Welfare; Abraham seconded, and the vote carries.
5. IDAs announced in fall '09. We will develop matrix for deadlines. Dreschers are due 8/1/09.

Hoey motioned to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol H. Jewell,
Secretary