

**UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2010**

**Attendees:** L. Bickmore, J. Bogan, J. Collins, J. Gendron, C. Jewell, N. Keelen, S. Knapp, M. Knee, S. Kudzin, C. Merbler, A. Olin, G. Petry, P. Romain, M. Seidel, B. Shadrick, I. Steen, R. Vives, J. hanifan, L. Wittner, B. Benjamin, T. Hoey, K. Thompson-LaPerle

The meeting commenced at 12:23 p.m.

Approval of minutes from 5/4/10 EC meeting: Collins moved, Olin seconded, the vote carried with amendments; Correction: Under President's report for 5/4/10, Wittner and Steen are not O'Leary professors. Also, correction to Collins' paragraph about our Constitution and the Executive Board, to wit: "...and the things we are supposed to do, in particular, Executive Board committees should report regularly to the Membership and are responsible for approving Chairs, etc.

I. Reports

A. Officers

1. President

1. Hope you all will have a great summer!
2. Rumors abound. If we don't have a budget by 7/1, UA will have furloughs. President Phil Smith encourages us to visit the UUP website to send letters to oppose PHEEIA this week.
3. Parking changes are forthcoming, though not immediate. Merbler gave background on the changes.
4. HR is well prepared for the Early Retirement Incentive. Merbler: These will be challenging times. Discussion. Management hopes enough people will retire so retrenchments won't happen.
5. Parking registration fee is now \$25. Discussion. Merbler will ask at L/M about a related issue. Also: Is new sticker location illegal?

Add-On

1. Keelen is the Breast Cancer Walk Chair. Congrats and applause. Keelen will write a small article for The Forum.

2. **VP for Academics:** Steen sits on the UUP Scholarship Committee; few applications from UA. Next time, push your students to apply (no UA students were recommended this year.). Next year there will be awards for graduate students. Discussion. Hanifan suggests encouraging academics to tell their students to apply. Also, remind academics via the newsletter.
3. **VP for Professionals:** Abraham absent (at Statewide UUP Executive Board retreat in Syracuse).

4. **Secretary:** Jewell: The minutes are soon to be up-to-date.
5. **Treasurer:** Reports are in your packet, including information from UUP Statewide on agency fee, etc. Collins asked Olin to ask again how much is spent. Hanifan agrees. Suggestion that Collins ask this at the next DA. Another idea is to make a resolution from this (UA Chapter) Executive Board (under New Business at the DA). At the August meeting we will vote on it and forward to UUP for consideration at the DA. Collins will draft for 8/4/10 Executive Board meeting. Wittner agrees and gave some background information on the issue. More discussion.

Merbler moved, Wittner seconded, for the Body to go into Executive Session, at 1:14 pm. The vote carried.

Merbler moved, Hanifan seconded, for the Body to come out of Executive Session, at 1:33 p.m. The vote carried.

Applause for Olin.

6. **Part-time Concerns Rep:** Hanifan: Nothing special to report.

#### **B. Standing Committees**

1. EAP: Janice gave us a report. Seidel said Seckerson will tell her about EAP events and also will tell Statewide; brings more highlight to EAP.
2. Solidarity: Wittner spoke about the Holiday Inn strike continuing in Latham; mentioned we could join them on Wednesday, 4-6 pm. He also talked about the Annual Capital Labor Day picnic at Ganser Smith Park, Menands: from noon-dusk, free food and soft drinks, etc. and local politicians and local media show up.

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

1. Peace & Justice: Collins, working with the Solidarity Committee on (1) 10/7, National Day of Advocacy/Action against privatizing public education; starting to work on campus; would like to have teach-ins, tally, etc. Also want to form a campus anti-war committee; (2) Continue to fight against PHEEIA and flex concerns. Can talk more about this on 8/4/10. Put this in September newsletter; (3) Can we have an action plan to build our department reps? Benjamin made some comments. Discussion. Talk to members more, with Departments more. Merbler: We already have a plan which the Officers are working

on. Where do we have and need Department Reps? Merbler trying to put together one Department Rep meeting per semester. Kelly said the list on the website is the most up-to-date. More discussion on this and on newsletter issues.

**II. Old Business:**

1. Merbler reminded us to RSVP to Kelly for Executive Committee meetings!
2. Merbler: Our Statewide committee recommendations went in earlier than necessary.
3. If you identify people interested in UUP, invite them to a fall Executive Committee meeting, but tell Merbler ahead of time so she can plan. Rumor is we are losing Café 222. We may move to the glass-enclosed room in the back of Indian Quad Cafeteria.

**III. New Business**

1. Funding for Chapter Assistant Parking Registration/Parking Fees of \$100.60 for 2010/2011 Full Year: Hoey moved, Hanifan seconded, the vote carried.
2. Wittner suggested that Executive Committee meetings begin exactly at noon. Jewell is opposed to this. Merbler: The Officers will discuss this. Discussion. Various suggestions were proposed.

There was a motion to adjourn by acclamation and the meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol H. Jewell,  
Secretary