



**Stony Brook UUP Chapter Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 18, 2006 – 12:00 PM
Women's Studies Colloquium Center**

Present: Sarah Battaglia, Corinne Burns, Pam Burris, Bushra Butt, Jose Feliciano, Fred Gardaphe, Richard Hintze, Nick Koridis, Nancy Lannak, Sal Lentini, Sara Lutterbie, Charles McAteer, Edward O'Connell, Warren Randall, Arthur Shertzer, Willa Smith, Frank Torre, Collen Wallahora, Judith Wishnia, Arnold Wishnia, Chuck Wrigley, John Schmidt (presiding), Pamela Wolfskill (recorder)

Absent Officers: Michael Zweig

Handouts:

- Meeting Agenda
- Labor and Social Justice Scholarship Trust Fund
- Chapter Membership Report – December 2005
- Dinner Dance Flier
- Partnership Toward Civility
- Membership Development Committee – Dept. Representative Report
- Memo on Increase in Chapter Allocation Formula
- Proposed Amendment on Spring DA dates

Meeting commenced at 12:10 p.m.

Motion (McAteer/O'Connell) to approve minutes of 12/14/05 meeting carried.

I. President's Report – John P. Schmidt

- The Long Island Legislator reception was held at Huntington Hilton and Schmidt thanked Charlie McAteer for organizing this event.
- Specifics are unclear on the Governor's proposed budget but might include the following:
 - ◆ Governor is proposing monies for energy costs.
 - ◆ The Eagan proposal for research faculty is included, but it appears that SUNY must self fund the costs.
 - ◆ There doesn't appear to be money for negotiated salary increases.
 - ◆ There is an early retirement proposal.
 - ◆ No money for new faculty positions.
- Trudy Rudnick from NYSUIT has sent out cards to organize Research Foundation employees. Schmidt asked delegates to promote union ideas and benefits to RF employees on campus.

- Applications for UUP Labor and Social justice scholarship (formerly the LINK scholarship) were handed out. The deadline is March 1st
- December membership statistics for our chapter were handed out.
- UUP Dinner Dance will be held February 11 at the Three Village Inn. The Inn has held the price at \$40.00 per person. Please post fliers and share. Since the Dinner Dance is done in conjunction with the HSC Chapter and space is limited at the Inn, there are only 64 seats available to our chapter.
- The Individual Development Award committee has been seated and fliers have gone out. The deadline is March 1st.
- During the week of January 30, a letter will be sent to Vice President, Deans, Chairs and Directors stating that supervisors who fail to complete evaluations on their staff will be required to attend training on performance evaluation.
- Schmidt discussed Stony Brook Southampton. The Provost has circulated an email to Chairs looking to put together a summer 2006 program. An adequate teaching facility will be put together. Transportation issues are under review. Schmidt further stated that at the Labor and Management Meeting, Pres. Kenny said to “look to the newspaper for information on the acquisition of this campus.” However, things are progressing and UUP is not being kept informed by the administration. Lannak stated that H1 faculty must be provided transportation costs as per Department of Labor regulations.
- Joel Rosenthal will retire in the spring. The history dept will organize a colloquium to honor him. UUP will seek to acknowledge him.
- Wishnia asked about background checks being conducted on new employees. Schmidt met with Willis and Lynn Johnson from HR. It was noted that these checks are not contractual and HR will correct it. HR is not obtaining these checks from law enforcement but is going to consumer reports for information.

II. Vice President for Professionals Report – Arty Shertzer

- A Professional Delegates Council Meeting will be held on February 1st to see where we are going in the coming semester.

III. Treasure’s report – Willa Smith

- Smith noted that the Chapter fund has no cash reserves. An allocation check will arrive on Friday and it will have to hold our Chapter until the end of April when the next allocation arrives as we are out of money. Smith asked to be made aware of upcoming events to budget these programs.

IV. Part Time Concerns- Warren Randall

- The first meeting on part-time concerns will be held at the DA. There is very little to report at this time. Schmidt stated that Bill Strockbine sent him a note that he is receiving the newsletter and the chapter is doing good work.

V. Committee Reports:

- ◆ Social Committee – Colleen Wallahora – February 11th is the dinner dance and the cost is \$30 per person. She asked that fliers be posted and stated that the committee is in the process of collecting door prizes.
- ◆ Membership Development – Sara Lutterbie - Orientation lunches for UUP members who have expressed an interest in serving as a Department Representative. The committee plans to hold one motivational training lunch each semester. The first one will include President William E. Scheurman. Invitations will be forthcoming. (SEE HANDOUT).
- ◆ Partnership Toward Civility – Pam Burris – The Coalition on campus was formed and has met approximately 8 times. The committee is on hold for a few months due to Pres. Kenny's task force initiative. Burris expressed concern that this task force addresses global issues and will not get into the nitty gritty concerns on civility and that these committees will not really work. The task force is expected to be completed by May. Schmidt noted that there will be a memo on the task force that will identify who the chairs are. He encouraged the delegates to provide input even if you are not part of the committee.

VI. Old Business

- ◆ UUP Long Island Legislative Reception – Charlie McAteer -- McAteer thanked those in attendance from the Stony Brook Chapter. There were approximately 50 people in attendance. The event was paid for with VOTE/COPE money. State wide legislative and political action committee members were invited. In addition, each president invited several other members from their Chapter. The goal is to make this an annual event in January just before the legislative session begins. The second follow up will be held 2/7. Wishnia stated that the atmosphere was more relaxed than office visits to the legislators. McAteer thanked Burns for her help in the invitation mailings.

VII. New Business

- ◆ Proposed UUP Constitutional Amendment on Spring DA dates – Charlie McAteer – Purpose: To change dates for the Spring DA Effective July 1, 2007. Rationale: to avoid finals or commencement week conflicts so delegates with obligations during these activities can attend the Spring DA meeting. Article, section and line to be amended: Article VI, SA Section 2 Paragraph B.x., line 329-334.

Motion to submit the proposed amendment (McAteer/Randall) was carried.

- ◆ Proposal to UUP Admin/Finance committee for a change in chapter allocation formula – Charlie McAteer McAteer noted that the current formula that each chapter receives a regular allocation of \$4.00 per bargaining unit member three times each year, plus one-time allocation of \$1,000 with the regular September allocation and an addition \$2.00 per bargaining unit member plus \$500 with the Regular April Allocation.

He proposes that starting July 1, 2006, chapter allocations be increased for the per bargaining unit member formula by the same % across the board salary raise the UUP negotiates with New York State. It will follow the same date timeline and remain in effect until a new % is added onto the past per bargaining unit member formula and be cumulative in nature.

Discussion ensued and Judy Wishnia stated that release time money is being discussed at the state wide level and our chapter will need the funds. Smith noted that this is an excellent idea with the rise of costs and that the set formula has not gone up. 1994 was the last time the cost went up.

Motion to move the chapter allocations formula (McAteer /Shertzer) carried. This recommendation will be given to Schmidt for submission to the statewide finance committee

- ◆ Winter DA discussion – Schmidt

Schmidt noted that our delegation has been approved with a full delegation. A Delegate Book Fair to benefit the UUP Labor and Social Justice Scholarship Trust Fund will be held. Schmidt encouraged everyone to look through packets sent from Albany with reports and read them.

Schmidt encouraged delegates attending that are not on committees to sit in on meetings where they have an interest. There will be a number of amendments that will be voted on. John, Arty and Michael will try to convene those in attendance to talk at the meeting. Schmidt explained how a Caucus works.

Judy Wishnia discussed that a separate UUP Retiree Chapter is being established and will be discussed at the DA. There are many retirees' who are opposed to giving up their position of power. The rationale is that retirees have name recognition and their seats do not open up positions to newer people. Getting new members is critical. Every chapter will have a retiree on local chapter boards and they can serve on committees. They just cannot run to be an officer on their local chapters.

Meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Next Exec Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday February 15, 2006.