



**Stony Brook UUP Chapter Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2005 – 12:00 PM
Women's Studies Colloquium Center**

Present: Judy Wishnia, Bill Godfrey, Ed O'Connell, Pam Wolfskill, Paul Siegel, Bushra Butt, Sara Lutterbie, Jim Hart, Pam Burris, Dan Kinney, Warren Randall, Jose Feliciano, Frank Anshen, Artie Shertzer, Nick Koridis, Arnold Wishnia, Michael Zweig, Corinne Burns, Diane Godden, Chuck Wrigley, Lisa Willis, John Schmidt (presiding), Willa Smith (recorder)

Absent Officers: Marlene Brennan

Handouts:

- Meeting Agenda
- Minutes from April 12, 2005 EB meeting
- Official Chapter Election Report
- SURF (Staff United at the Research Foundation) Bulletin #1
- Chapter Membership Report – April '05
- New York Academe, Vol. 32, No. 1

Meeting commenced at 12:10 p.m.

Motion (Feliciano/Shertzer) to approve minutes of 4/12/05 meeting carried.

1. President's Report – John P. Schmidt

- Schmidt held up new statewide journalism awards received for our chapter newsletter at the last Delegate Assembly. These awards will be proudly hung in the office. Special kudos to our Chapter Assistant Corinne Burns for her "Best in Class" award for a photo montage of our last dinner dance.
- Official results of the Chapter Elections were distributed for review. J. Wishnia noted that she will not be serving as a delegate from this chapter, since she will be serving as a statewide retired employee delegate, so the eligible academic delegates will move down the list one more. This will also apply to Ed Quinn, who is a statewide Officer. Our Chapter Bylaws indicate that the top 5 professional and academic delegates are voting members of the Executive Board. Schmidt noted congratulations to all new Chapter Officers and Delegates.
- Wrigley thanked the EB for the gift of flowers in recognition of Diane Godden's father's passing.
- Schmidt announced that Scheuerman was reelected Statewide President, Landy as Statewide Secretary, and Quinn as Statewide Membership Development Officer. The positions for Statewide EB were more contentious, and resulted in a surprising twist, defeating the reelection of Jose Feliciano to the EB. Feliciano thanked all in the chapter who supported him in this race. Schmidt noted that the

- candidate's forum was held very late on Friday evening and was not well attended. Zweig noted that there was also a very large debate on UUP's participation in USLAW, and it was decided by a vote of approximately 60/40, that UUP will continue its affiliation with this organization. J. Wishnia noted that the retirees will also be forming their own chapter, even though they will be encouraged to maintain their involvement at the chapter level. Feliciano noted that we are entitled to 24 people from the chapter at the DA, and we must do more to encourage active participation from our delegates. Schmidt and others agreed that we need to tighten up attendance at these DA's. Discussion ensued, and it was agreed that the chapter needs to communicate more effectively with Delegates as to the responsibilities and importance of attending regularly. Academics also suggested that the timing of the DA not coincide with finals weeks – changing the schedule to either one week before or one week after.
- Scheuerman sent Schmidt a note advising him that additional funds are necessary from the chapter to fund release time for our Chapter President. A. Wishnia stated that it would be useful to have more information on the status of release time statewide, so that an informed decision can be made on these issues. Discussion ensued about the ability of chapters to provide release time, and funding issues.

Motion (Feliciano/Shertzer) to approve the expenditure of \$580 to fund the summer release time of Chapter Presidents statewide carried.

- Schmidt presented a beautiful cake in honor of Lisa Willis's upcoming maternity leave, to the applause and best wishes of all present.
- Schmidt also welcomed back Dan Kinney, who is back from a sabbatical leave.
- Schmidt presented a publication distributed to RF employees answering many of the questions around organizing this contingency.
- Schmidt also noted that the school districts will be holding elections next week. Discussion ensued regarding the many factors and issues affecting school taxes.
- The latest chapter membership reports were distributed to all.
- Schmidt passed around a campus map highlighting road construction that will begin after this year's commencement. Schmidt has been assured that the disruption will be minimal, but, in any event, he will be attending an informational meeting this week and will have more to report at the next meeting.
- A draft memo from campus President Kenny was presented to UUP at a recent informal L/M meeting. This memo, when finalized, will go out to all supervisors of UUP represented employees. It will underscore the importance of timely and effective performance programs and evaluations. Individuals who fail to comply will be required to attend a supervisory training workshop.
- Schmidt offered that a chapter retreat would be timely, given the amount of new delegates and officers. He asked all to consider scheduling sometime in August.
- Schmidt noted that as of today, only 12 of the 50 Ducks game tickets have been purchased. Please talk up this enjoyable activity with your colleagues. Deadline to forfeit tickets is May 24th.

2. VP for Professionals – Artie Shertzer

- Shertzer noted that there is a lot of good, supportive work being done at the chapter level on behalf of our members. Progress is made, and many situations are diffused – however there are also many unpleasant situations across campus between supervisors and their employees. Please be certain to let colleagues know that there is support in the union for employees who may be experiencing a rough situation.
- Schmidt announced that Sara Lutterbie has asked to be removed from her role as Co-Editor of the newsletter, to which all applauded her past service and wished her well.

3. VP for Academics – Michael Zweig

- Zweig noted that there will be a focus over the next year at the statewide level on the rights and benefits for part timers.
- Zweig stated that the lectures that UUP sponsored over the past year were well appreciated and successful chapter initiatives. Invitations to Stony Brook faculty and staff who have recently published on relevant issues will be going out to extend this lecture series into the next academic year.
- Travel Visas for six Iraqi labor leaders are being pursued. If achieved, these people will have the opportunity to enlighten all about their views on the labor situation in Iraq, and Zweig encouraged all to attend their lectures if they come to pass at Stony Brook this coming June. As more information becomes available, Zweig will present ways for the chapter to become more significantly involved.
- Wolfskill noted that a video shown at the DA regarding the Social Security issue was very informative and encouraged the chapter to spread the availability of this communication to all.

4. Old Business

- Schmidt thanked all of the outgoing Officers, and then welcomed the new Officers. A vote for the Academic and Professional Grievance Chairs will be presented at the next EB meeting. Schmidt also thanked all chapter delegates for their participation in the chapter over the past two years. A round of applause was initiated in support of the work of Chapter President Schmidt.

Meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.