



**United University Professions
Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 20, 2006
12:00 p.m.
Women's Studies Colloquium Center, Old Chemistry Bldg**

Present: Corinne Burns, Jose Feliciano, Fred Gardaphe, Nick Koridis, Richard Laskowski, Sal Lentini, Charles McAteer, Edward O'Connell, Edward Quinn, Warren Randall, Arthur Shertzer, Willa Smith, Jason Torre, Colleen Wallahora, Judith Wishnia, Arnold Wishnia, Michael Zweig, Chong Lance, John Schmidt (presiding), Pamela Wolfskill (recorder)

Absent Officers: Gary Marker

Meeting commenced at 12:15 p.m. *A motion (Feliciano/Randall) to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2006 meeting carried.*

I. President's Report – John Schmidt

- ◆ **Revised Election Procedures** – Handout – Schmidt advised attendees of the change to the UUP procedure for electing delegates to the 2008 and 2009 NYSUT and 2008 AFT conventions. They must meet the standards of the Landrum-Griffin statute.. Various members had questions and comments on the new procedure and discussion ensued.
- ◆ **Chapter Elections 2007-2009** – The certification date for chapter and retirees is January 3. . The call for nominations will be sent on January 5th. We will have one month to develop a slate of nominees.
- ◆ **Formal Labor/Management Meeting** is being scheduled and we are waiting for the President's office to confirm a date. Schmidt asked that any issues to be brought up at the Labor/Management meeting to let him know.
- ◆ **Educators' Tax Guide** – The guide will be available for 2006 at a cost of \$3.60 each. Schmidt said this is a service to the members.

A motion(Feliciano/Quinn) to approve a Chapter Expenditure to purchase the Educators' Tax Guides carried.

A motion (Zweig/O'Connell) to buy 20 Bread and Roses calendars carried.

- ◆ **Winter Delegate Assembly** – Handouts –Corinne will send out travel arrangements next week. Schmidt distributed the DA Committee Session Assignments and discussed the Book Fair to benefit the College Scholarship Trust Fund.
- ◆ **2007-2008 SUNY Budget** – Schmidt stated that the SUNY Board of Trustees are asking for more money for mandatory and base-line operating needs, as well as a series of new initiatives. Details were found in the handout.
- ◆ **IDA** – Fliers are being sent to members and applications are due March 1, 2007.
- ◆ **November 2006 Chapter Statistics** – Handout -Schmidt noted that our chapter has grown to 2,081 members. Zweig stated that UUP is threatened with losing members should the hospital privatize. Discussion ensued and Schmidt asked members to keep up constant pressure by calling, faxing our legislators on the SUNY Hospital Privatization Plan.

- ◆ **2007 UUP College Scholarship Competition** – Schmidt requested that the UUP College Scholarship Competition be distributed and posted for interested students.
- ◆ **Affirmative Action Committee** – Schmidt is seeking persons to serve in this capacity.
- ◆ **The SUNY Dictionary** – Handout – Schmidt brought humor to the meeting with this compilation of terms.

II. Vice President for Professional's Report – Arthur Shertzer

Shertzer discussed the recent trip to Albany where 8 people from our campus marched on the capital to oppose the Berger commission's report on hospital privatization.

Shertzer said he is trying to organize a forum to get management to commit to answer questions on Southampton and stop the rumor mill. He seeks to make sure there is mileage being reimbursed and no one is being coerced. Shertzer noted the upcoming events for professionals and complimented Charlie McAteer on the Happy Pay Day.

III. Vice President for Academic's Report – Michael Zweig

Zweig said the Solidarity school will be held at the end of March. UUP will put up 3 people and if more want to come they should let him know. Zweig stated that there is a Focus Group of Academics who will meet in February. This is a group of full time lecturers who are not on full time tenure track lines and have difficult working conditions.

Zweig reported the turn out for The Front Page Discussion with Gallya Lahav was poor but there was good attendance at the talk by Robin Romano. Zweig said that Dr. Donny George, former President of the Iraq State Board of Antiquities and Heritage and Director General of the National Museum in Baghdad, is now a faculty member. He is working with Elizabeth Stone and Zweig will ask that he speak at a Front Page Discussion.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Willa Smith

Smith stated that chapter funds have benefited from receipt of a supplemental funding request in the amount of \$9,950, which should enable the chapter to meet upcoming expenses and carrying costs until the next chapter allocation, due in February. Smith encouraged those who are planning activities, not previously accounted for, to notify her in order to ensure that funds are available.

V. Part Time Concerns Officer Report – Warren Randall

Randall noted that equity issues, DSI, and location pay for part-timers were on the negotiations agenda. These issues will also be discussed at the upcoming labor/management meeting. This will include the current part-time faculty pay rates by department for each semester or session in this academic year.

VI. Committee Reports

➤ U.S. Labor against the War Committee – Zweig noted there is a march on January 27th in Washington D.C. to tell Congress to stop the war and cut off funding.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business – Charlie McAteer announced that he will run for Statewide Executive Board.

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Next Exec Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 2007.