



**United University Professions
Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday March 8, 2006
12:00 p.m.
Harriman Hall Room 249**

Present: Fred Floss, Joe Feliciano, Corinne Burns, Judy Wishnia, Charles McAteer, Pam Burris, Sara Lutterbie, Gary Marker, Willa Smith, Warren Randall, Nick Koridis, Catherine Costanzo, Paula DiPasquale, Allegra de Laurentiis, Arty Shertzer, Irene Gische, Joel Rosenthal, Charles Wrigley, Paul Siegel, Bushra Butt, Georges Fouron, Jason Torre, Sarah Battaglia, Michael Zewig, Ed O'Connell, Lisa Willis, Fred Gardaphe, Edith Padilla, Jim Hart, Sal Lentini, Richard Laskowski, Nancy Lannak, John Schmidt (presiding), Pamela Wolfskill (recorder)

Absent Officers: none

Handouts:

- Meeting Agenda
- Chapter Stats –February 2006
- UUP 2006 Legislative Agenda and Palm Cards
- Released Time Application 6/1/06- 8/31/06
- SUNY State Operated Campuses and Statutory Colleges, An Assessment of State Support
- Memo to State Treasurer from Chapter Treasurer on FY 2006-2007 Budget

Meeting commenced at 12:10 p.m. *A motion (Feliciano/Randall) to approve the minutes of February 15, 2006 meeting carried.*

I. President's Report – John P. Schmidt

Schmidt expressed his thanks to de Laurentiis for hosting the meeting and welcomed UUP State Vice President for Academics, Fred Floss. Schmidt went on to discuss the handouts as follows:

- February Chapter Stats report (Schmidt encourage action on the Agency Fee Payer List)
- Palm Cards and Legislative agenda for 2006 – as legislators are writing budget bills, Schmidt encouraged Executive Board members to call or write with budget requests by going to www.uupinfo.org.
- Identify General Membership meeting April 5th to include the budget proposal
- Released Time Application 6/1/06- 8/31/06 for Schmidt

A motion to approve the release time application (Shertzer/McAteer) was carried.

- Schmidt stated that he and State UUP President, William Scheuerman, met with Campus President, Shirley Kenny, regarding the report on SUNY State Operated Campuses and Statutory Colleges, An Assessment of State Support

II. Guest Speaker – Fred Floss, Statewide Vice President for Academics

Floss updated Executive Board Members on UUP's political action. He requested, as April 1st will be the target date for when the budget is completed, members help make sure SUNY gets the most money we can by faxing legislators. Floss went on to further explain the Governor's proposed budget as it relates to SUNY and UUP's legislative agenda including more full time faculty.

III. Vice President for Professionals Report – Arthur Shertzer

Shertzer talked about his experience with Stony Brook Day in Albany as he accompanied President Kenny and her group. He noted 637 people attended including several UUP members.

Shertzer stated that a meeting with Lynn Johnson will take place to discuss the FLSA. This will enable UUP to determine what is coming down the road and decide if it will be brought to a general membership meeting.

IV. Vice President for Academics Report – Michael Zweig

Zweig discussed concerns the purchase of the Southampton campus raises for Stony Brook faculty. He stated that the deal to purchase the campus has not been finalized and \$2 million has been committed out of the University budget. Discussion ensued on questions of how that money will be reimbursed and faculty/instructor/adjuncts obligations to the Southampton campus were raised.

Zweig discussed an upcoming meeting with the Provost on a proposal that came out of the University Senate concerning how junior faculty is notified of tenure. Dean Starros has implemented a policy that who ever receives a Dresher award cannot get the release that other junior faculty receives. Zweig noted that the Nula Dresher award is there to help over and beyond other awards.

Zweig discussed upcoming events:

- 1) Elizabeth Stone will be part of a *Front Page Discussion* on April 19th
- 2) Labor Against the War – On March 14 there will be a screening of the video "Meeting Face to Face." An April 29 march in NYC is being coordinated.

V. Part-Time Concerns Officer Report – Warren Randall

- Randall stated that a more pre-active approach to part-time concerns needs to be taken. Issues of concern include unfair pay and unfair workload. A meeting with President Kenny needs to occur. Randall further noted that part of the problem is part-timers are afraid to talk and there is not clear delineation of what a part timer consist of due to numerous titles.

VI. Treasure's report – Willa Smith

- Smith reported that chapter expenses have continued to exceed chapter allocations, due to raises in university fees and catering costs associated with an increasing number of chapter activities. Smith noted that funds in the current chapter balance are only @ \$1500, and our next allocation check is not expected until late April. As requested by the statewide office, she has prepared a budget for the next fiscal year, beginning in Sept. '06, comparing costs over the past year against funding received and expected for next year. The shortfall is expected to be nearly ten thousand dollars. In an effort to request additional funding, Smith prepared and sent a memo

to the Statewide Treasurer outlining ongoing chapter **activities which serves to explain-the anticipated shortfall. Discussion ensued.**

A motion (Randall/Shertzer) to submit the 06/07 budget request to Albany was carried.

VII. Committee Reports:

- ◆ **Stony Brook Child Care – Irene Gishe** – Gishe reported on the Child Care Center’s new building and lack of funding from the University. She stated that the Center is in the red and will always be in the red. One reason is the unexpected expenditures incurred i.e. Verizon, Network, LIPA, heat, repairs, and snow removal. Gishe noted that the building is rented from the Stony Brook Foundation who owns it and that the Center employees work for the Research Foundation. Discussion ensued on the financial status of the Center and the relationship to the University.

Rosenthal suggested an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Child Care Center funding issues and present findings to Pres. Kenny at the next Labor and Management Meeting. The following members volunteered to serve on the committee: Arty Shertzer, Pam Burris, Willa Smith, Judy Wishnia, and Paula DiPasquale.

Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.