



United University Professions

Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 2007

12:00 p.m.

Women's Studies Colloquium Center, Old Chemistry Bldg

Present: John Schmidt (presiding), Pamela Wolfskill (recorder), Marlene Brennan, Corinne Burns, Bushra Butt, Catherine Costanzo, Jose Feliciano, Fred Gardaphe, James Hart, Nick Koridis, Nancy Lannak, Richard Laskowski, Sal Lentini, Gary Marker, Charles McAteer, Edward O'Connell, Edward Quinn, Warren Randall, Arthur Shertzer, Willa Smith, Dawn Pappas, Michael Zweig, Raquel Lynn, Karen D'Angelo, Linda Crawford, Nancy Gauger, Karen Clemente

Absent Officers:

Meeting commenced at 12:15 p.m. *A motion (Feliciano/McAteer) to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2006 meeting carried.*

I. President's Report – John Schmidt

- ◆ **Chapter Elections 2007-2009** – Schmidt discussed UUP election procedures and special mailing requirements. A flier will be sent to all chapter members. The Chapter Office will collect nomination forms for all interested candidates to uniformly send campus nominations to Albany by the 2/7/07 deadline. Zweig noted if individuals choose to mail nominations separately, a union carrier such as UPS and US Postal services, must be used. Schmidt reminded attendees that no campus email or campus mail, local copy machines or state telephones can be used for campaigns.
- ◆ **Bargaining Unit History** – Schmidt distributed a three year snapshot of the chapter.
- ◆ **December 2006 Chapter Statistics** – The membership totals for December were noted by Schmidt.
- ◆ **UUP Day/Night** – The Athletics Department has asked if UUP is interested in hosting a UUP game day at one of the basketball games. Athletics would sponsor tickets at a discounted rate to UUP members. Discussion ensued and it will be referred to the Social Committee pending further information.
- ◆ **UUP Per Diem Rate Increase** – Schmidt stated that rates have changed for Albany. \$10 breakfast, \$13 lunch, \$26 dinner and New York City is \$12, \$17 and \$ 35. The mileage rate is 48.5 cents as of 1/1/07.
- ◆ **Winter Delegate Assembly** – Schmidt requested early responses for individuals contemplating attending the DA. He further noted the importance of this DA as there will be nominations for State Wide office and Executive Board.
- ◆ **Legislative Luncheon** – The UUP Leglistative Lunch will be held on Tuesday, January 30, in the Well of the Capital building. Our chapter has participated in this

event for a number of years . There is no restriction on the number of people we can bring. Those interested in attending should note that annual leave time must be charged and notify Schmidt of interest.

- ◆ **LI Fed Annual Dinner/ Awards Reception** – Handout – On March 8th there will be an awards dinner. Lentini and Wolfskill have been asked to attend. Cost is \$175 per person. Zweig noted that this was also International Women’s Day.
- ◆ **Negotiations.** Marker asked Schmidt for an update on contract negotiations. Schmidt could not provide information due to the gag order on this subject. Quinn stated that we are working together with the Governor’s office to do what is best for UUP.

II. Vice President for Academic’s Report – Michael Zweig

Zweig is going to convene a focus group of full-time lecturers early in the semester to review the proposals coming from the Provost and CAS Dean. Zweig asked attendees to encourage faculty they knew to run for delegate or academic Vice President in the coming election, hoping to have a contested election for each position.

The Academic Council is planning additional Front Page Discussions for the Spring. This will include a talk by Ken Wachsberger on negotiating book contracts and intellectual property rights. He is a specialist on academic publishing and is the Vice President of the National Writers Union. Zweig announced January 27th there will be a march in Washington. A petition from the US Labor against the War was passed around opposing the war in Iraq.

III. Vice President for Professional’s Report – Arthur Shertzer

Stony Brook Day in Albany will be held on March 6th and Shertzer noted that this is an important year to show the new governor where UUP is at. UUP Statewide President, Bill Scheuerman, will be among the afternoon speakers. Shertzer stated that Scheuerman sent him an email requesting topics of interest. Childcare was of interest and Shertzer asked for other topics to be forwarded to him. Shertzer noted that Wolfskill has spear headed a workshop for Professionals on Performance Programs and Evaluations. The workshop was filled and a waiting listing for a 2nd one was started.

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. Chapter funds are currently \$4425.44 which is a combined balance of savings and checking.

The dinner dance is coming up which is our largest expense in the coming semester. The ticket price for members is \$30 per person, with the remaining cost of the evening covered by chapter funds, split with the HSC chapter. Zweig asked if the cost was worthwhile due to the few number of members that can attend. Smith responded that there have never been members turned away, and it is an event that has been looked forward to by a segment of our chapter that, perhaps, doesn't attend other events.

Schmidt stated that the next General Membership meeting will include a budget proposal for 07/08. He asked people to provide Smith with projections for activities and related expenses anticipated during the next fiscal year.

V. Part Time Concerns Officer Report – Warren Randall

Randall noted that contract negotiations agenda included an extra vacation day for part-timers. Other items for part-timers include equity issues, inclusion in the DSI pool, and location pay. These items will be discussed at the upcoming labor/management meeting. The meeting will also include seeking a listing of the current part-time faculty pay rates by departments for each semester or session in this academic year.

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Next Exec Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 14, 2007.