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# UUP BEGINS RATIFICATION PROCESS FOR NEW CONTRACT



Acting UUP President Fred Floss points out contract highlights at Stony Brook HSC.

After months of intense negotiations between UUP and New York State, and the signing of a tentative deal on a new four year contract, the ratification process for the new contract is finally in motion. The Negotiations Team, which deliberated to work out the proposal with the state, has begun the task of visiting each chapter to explain the details of the four-year agreement. The briefings will allow the membership to make an informed decision when they cast their ratification ballots.

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Recently Acting UUP President and Chief Negotiator, Fred Floss, made a visit to the Stony Brook/HSC campus to give members an overview of the new contract's highlights and to answer some frequently asked questions regarding the tentative agreement. By now all eligible UUP members should have received their ratification ballots by mail. The deadline of March 12 affords all eligible members at least 21 days to send their ballots in to be secured and counted by the American Arbitration Association. Once the proposed contract is ratified by the membership, UUP and NYS will then work to finalize the agreement as soon as possible.

### 2007-2011 TENTATIVE AGREEMENT RATIFICATION TIMELINE

- Negotiations Team members will be attending chapter meetings through **Friday, March 7, 2008.**
- **Monday, February 11- Wednesday, February 13, 2008:** Tentative Agreement mailed to UUP members.
- **Wednesday, February 13, 2008:** Ratification ballot mailed to members by the American Arbitration Association (AAA).
- **Tuesday, February 19, 2008:** Members should contact AAA to request duplicate ballot if they have not yet received their ballot.
- **Wednesday March 12, 2008 @ 5:00 PM:** Deadline for ballot to be received by AAA.
- **Thursday March 13, 2008:** Ratification ballots will be counted by AAA.



Stony Brook UUP members attend contract presentation at the Health Sciences Center.

## Upcoming UUP Events



<b>March 1, 2008</b>	<b>UUP East/West Dinner Dance</b>
	<b>Snapper Inn Oakdale</b>
<b>March 4, 2008</b>	<b>Stony Brook Day in Albany</b>
<b>March 26, 2008</b>	<b>Workshop for Professionals</b>
<b>April 16—17, 2008</b>	<b>Pre-Retirement Workshops</b>
<b>May 5—9, 2008</b>	<b>UUP Blood Drive</b>

**Please call 4-1505 for additional information or to RSVP for these events**

# *President's Message*

Update on statewide and local activities

In a special election held at the delegate assembly on February 9, Phil Smith, Chapter President at Upstate Medical University and former statewide Vice President for Academics, was elected by UUP's statewide delegates to fill out the remainder of Bill Scheuerman's term as President. The term will run through May 2009. The election was a constitutional requirement necessitated by the recent resignation of Bill Scheuerman. Bill left UUP to take on the role of President at the National Labor College.



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Phil received 185 votes and his opponent, Fred Floss received 155 votes. Fred, who had been appointed acting President by the statewide executive board, will now resume his role as statewide Vice President for Academics. In his role as chief negotiator, Fred will continue visiting UUP campuses around the state to inform them of the details of the tentative contract agreement.

When Phil was asked what he will concentrate on as he begins this term as President, he replied that he will focus immediately on improving the relationships within and among the statewide officers and staff as well as re-appointing retiree members (who had been removed by the prior administration) to statewide committees. Together, Phil, Fred and the other UUP officers will continue the important work of the union. This work includes advocacy efforts in the legislature to ensure that SUNY colleges, universities and hospitals receive the needed funding and support in the state budget; as well as overseeing the tentative agreement ratification process.

Now for some important reminders about upcoming deadlines and events our chapter members need to be aware of:

- If you do not receive your ballot by **Tuesday February 19**, please call the American Arbitration Association at (800) 529-5218 to request a duplicate ballot. To receive a ballot you must have been a UUP member as of December 19, 2007. Agency fee payers are not eligible to participate in the ratification process. Agency fee payers who wish to enroll as members in UUP should contact the chapter office.
- Carefully complete and return your ballot by the **March 12** deadline.
- If you are planning to attend the dinner dance on **March 1, RSVP by February 27**.
- If you are planning to attend **March 4** Stony Brook Day, please register online at [www.stonybrook.edu/albany](http://www.stonybrook.edu/albany)
- Academics:** Please return your **sabbatical surveys** if you have not already done so.


In Solidarity,  
Kathy Southerton

# STONY BROOK "50" AND RED HOT


It's Stony Brook University's 50th Anniversary! Come feel the heat! Stony Brook is Red Hot and embarking on a Red Hot Road Trip! Join with fellow UUP members in Albany, New York on March 4, 2008 for Stony Brook Day in Albany. In partnership with the University President, hundreds of students, faculty and staff board a bus and descend upon the state capitol with banners, buttons and brochures, bundled with loads of energy and enthusiasm. This annual event at the state capitol is one of UUP's most rewarding traditions.

Stony Brook Day is a chance to meet legislators and let them know that you are involved and looking for their support on issues that affect the University, the Health Sciences Center and the Medical Center. Mark the date on your calendar and organize a group of your friends and colleagues to take part in Stony Brook's grand day in Albany. It is the perfect opportunity to meet people from all parts of the campus and experience first-hand how our government works.

For more information about Stony Brook Day, contact Janice Rohlf, by phone: (631)-632-6302 or email: [Janice.Rohlf@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Janice.Rohlf@stonybrook.edu). You can also register online at [www.stonybrook.edu/albany](http://www.stonybrook.edu/albany).



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**UUP/HSC and UUP West Campus  
Annual Dinner Dance**  
*Saturday, March 1, 2008*

*Snapper Inn  
Oakdale, New York  
7 p.m. – 11 p.m.*

*\$30.00 per person*

*Includes:  
Hors d'ouerves  
Full Course Sit Down Dinner  
DJ and Dancing  
Cash Bar*

*Payment will reserve a seat*

*Deadline Feb. 27, 2008*

**Call the UUP office at 4-1505 for further information**



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