



Newsletter of the **Stony Brook West Campus Chapter** of United University Professions

SPECIAL ISSUE ♠ CHAPTER ELECTIONS

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Very shortly you will receive your ballot for the **2009-2011 Chapter elections**. You will be asked to cast a vote for each Officer position and, depending on your title, cast a vote for multiple delegates to represent our campus professional and our campus academic. Whether you view voting as a right or a privilege, the time has arrived for you to exercise your option.

The following candidate statements were not required but had to be submitted by an established cut-off date. Where no statement was submitted or received in time, the individual's name, title and home department are provided.

UUP electioneering procedures prohibit candidates from utilizing UUP or SUNY equipment, including email, to produce or distribute campaign material for UUP elections. Any costs associated with campaign communications must be borne by the candidate. However, candidate statements may be published and paid for with UUP funds by utilizing the chapter newsletter, provided that all candidates, on an equal basis shall be provided space for statements in the issue preceding the holding of elections (UUP Policy Manual).

NOTE: if you do not receive an official ballot at your home address by April 1, 2009, call or email the chapter office.

VOTE

If there is a candidate you wish to nominate but is not on the printed list of candidates, write-in candidates for officer or delegates are most welcome.

President

n Arthur M. Shertzer, Senior Staff Assistant, Parking Services (*also running for Professional Delegate*)— I am privileged to work at an institution that contributes so very much to our community, our nation and the world. So too, I will be privileged to serve as your Chapter President. Everyday, my colleagues in UUP work to teach, to manage, to keep safe and to care for the thousands of students, staff and visitors that come here. I believe that we must make certain that our members are compensated properly, treated fairly and kept aware of the many benefits, and opportunities available to them. During times like this, when the budget issues cause all of us concern and worry, it is critical that your Union keep you informed, that it maintains vigilance. It is critical that we work not just on campus, but in the community and in Albany to remind everyone of the essential role Stony Brook and SUNY plays in the economic vitality of Long Island and New York State. As President, I will work tirelessly to forward our message. I hope that you will join me to make our campus the very best place to work that it can and should be.

Vice President for Academics

n Daniel Kinney, Assoc. Director, Collections & Technical Services (*also running for Academic Delegate*) — I have held several positions since I came to Stony Brook in 1982, including Head of the Music Library and Associate Director of Libraries for Collections and Technical Services. As VP for Academics, I have tried to reach out to members by continuing the Academic Council and Front Page Discussions established by Michael Zweig and through other means. UUP has been the strongest advocate for SUNY as well as for SUNY faculty and staff, and increased membership participation will make UUP's voice even stronger. I would welcome the opportunity to serve a second term as Vice President for Academics and Academic Delegate.

Vice President for Professionals

n Charles McAteer, Campus Space Inventory Coordinator, Facilities Design & Construction (*also running for Professional Delegate*)— If you have seen the 3 year old Happy Pay Day emails, I am that editor, as well as the chapter treasurer, delegate to UUP, NYSUT & AFT. I have worked on campus for 30+ years and am a proud product of the SUNY educational system including my Masters at SBU in the Labor Management area. I have been involved in the Union move-

ment and Legislative advocacy process for 25 years. As treasurer our chapter budget has expanded from \$38,017 two years ago to a proposed \$65,036 for next year thru your increased participation and programming. I ask for your Support as both your VP for Professionals and Professional Delegate, so that we can continue to grow and expand this chapter. My commitment is to work on more member input to increase our programs, communication and advocate for our professional needs & issues.

Secretary

n **Dawn Pappas, Staff Assistant, Enrollment and Retention Management** (*also running for Professional Delegate*)

n **John Shackelford, Information Systems Support, Infirmary** (*also running for Professional Delegate*) — As someone who's been filling in for our current Secretary when he is not in, I know the job and I deliver. I am an active participant in UUP's outreach to State Politicians, meeting with Englebright, LaValle, Fields, Alessi, Flanagan and others both locally and in Albany, fighting to keep our raises, location pay, healthcare benefits, and jobs. As a member of the Executive Board I will have the clout to fight more effectively. I need your vote. Help me prevent furloughs and lay-offs. Help me in retaining our health care benefits in retirement, and securing SUNY funding. My experience includes; attending NYSUT Leadership Institute at Cornell University's School of Industrial Labor Relations, UUP's Leadership training programs, being a UUP Department Representative, UUP's Statewide and Local Chapter Outreach Committees, an active participant in UUP Delegate Assemblies, filling in for the current Secretary. Thank you, please vote for me.

Treasurer

n **Germain Hoynos, Staff Assoc., Library Directors Office** — I have worked at the Stony Brook Libraries for 30 years and have held budget-related positions in both Technical Services and the Director's Office. In my current position as Assistant Director for Administrative Services, I manage the personnel and budget operations for the Library. In addition, I am involved with campus-wide committees and serve as Chair of the Provost's Area EEO Committee. I would welcome the opportunity to use my budget and SUNY experience to serve as Treasurer.

Part-Time Concerns Representative

n **Salvatore Lentini, Lecturer, Center for Excellence & Innovation** (*also running for Academic Delegate*) — As an 18 year, part time lecturer, I have felt, as you may have, that your voice, concerns and efforts are seldom heard or acknowledged. Your voice is my concern. Each issue of the Insight, I have spotlighted two part time faculty and included part time concerns. We, the part time components at SBU, bring and give so much to SBU; it's time that we are given the recognition & necessary professional tools and acknowledgements-we have earned. Besides my thirty seven(37) years in teaching, I am an active member of several active on campus commit-

tees. They are the University Affairs Council, the Professional Educational Programs committee, UUP Academic Concerns, and the UUP part time concerns committee in Albany. I have served as an Academic Delegate for the last several years and look forward to another term. I ask for your vote for the part time SBU Representative, and as an academic delegate. I hope to make your part time concerns my full time concern.

n **Warren Randall, Instructional Support Associate, Traffic Appeals Board** (*also running for Professional Delegate*)— I want to congratulate all of you part-timers at Stony Brook for the work you've been doing to keep us afloat at a difficult time. At a time when too many rely on the fairy tales of bureaucratic apathy or sloth to describe our efforts, every day we prove not only that we care very deeply about the university's future, we do something about it. Unfortunately, in certain respects, the part-time professional and faculty are usually the exception in contractual improvements. While some progress has been made, I would agree with those who say this isn't enough. We need to continue to attack the many obstacles to equal treatment for us all, in service, in status, in pay, and in benefits. My name is Warren Randall and I ask for your vote to continue working as your Part-Time Concerns Representative of the Stony Brook Chapter.

Academic Delegate

n **Georges Fournon, Professor, Africana Studies**

n **Aaron "Bill" Godfrey, Lecturer, European Languages & Literature**

n **Susan Hinely, Lecturer, History**—I have been teaching at Stony Brook since the fall of 1999, originally as an Adjunct (in both the History and the Political Science Departments), and since 2001 as a full-time Lecturer (History Department only). Prior to coming to Stony Brook, I served stints as a litigator in a large, international law firm and as a full-time mother of a large, litigious family. I am a long-standing member and avid supporter of the UUP, and have served on an ad hoc committee looking into issues of concern to non-tenure track faculty. I would like to expand my service to the UUP as a faculty representative on the Executive Council, where I would hope to call upon my varied background and particular perspective as a non-tenured professional to provide a useful and perhaps under-represented voice. NOTE: **write-in candidate for election.**

n **Daniel Kinney, (also running for Vice President for Academics)**

n **Richard Laskowski, Professor, College of Business** — I am seeking re-election as a delegate for the UUP. I am a professor in the College of Business and have been teaching there for the past four years. Prior to my appointment to the College I served as the Dean of Physical Education and Athletics at Stony Brook for ten years. I have been a member of the union since arriving at Stony Brook in 1994 and have been a delegate for the past three years. In the past year I have attended all monthly Executive Board meetings and all of the Delegate Assembly conventions in Albany. I has been my pleasure serving all of you in the past as a delegate and I look forward to continuing my commitment to the UUP with the same enthusiasm if I am re-elected. NOTE: **write-in candidate for election.**

n **Salvatore Lentini, (also running for P.T. Concerns Rep.)**

n **Gary Marker, Professor, History**

n **David Maynard, Lecturer, Honors College** — I've taught at Stony Brook as a full-time Lecturer since Fall 2001, and I'm currently the Faculty Director of the University Scholars Program. As an Academic Delegate of the Stony Brook UUP chapter over the past few years, I think that it is important to continue to take actions to safeguard and improve the working conditions of contingent faculty—both adjunct faculty and non-tenure track faculty—on this campus. Given the dire fiscal situation that SBU currently faces, it is especially vital to protect the academic freedom and employment security of the most vulnerable faculty members at our institution.

n **Gisele Schierhorst, Head, Music Library** — I have worked at Stony Brook since 1992. I am pleased to be nominated for the position of academic delegate and grateful to the UUP for its ongoing efforts on behalf of its members.

n **Stephen Schneider, Lecturer, School of Professional Development**

n **Frank Jason Torre, University Archivist, Special Collections Department & University Archives**

n **Arnold Wishnia, (retired)**

n **Judith Wishnia, (retired)**

n **Michael Zweig, Professor, Economics**

Professional Delegate

n **Diane Bello, Assoc. College Registrar, Registrar's Office**

n **Marlene Brennan, Sr. Staff Asst., SPD Management Seminars**

n **Bushra Butt, Cataloger, Cataloging Department Library**

n **David Ecker, Manager Client Support, Division of Information Technology** — New York state budget is at a critical state, the private sector has lost many jobs. Lets not have this happen at Stony Brook, as a delegate I will continue with UUP to get the most State money from Stony Brook.

n **Jose Feliciano, University Instructional Specialist, Physics & Astronomy**

n **Nancy Gaugler, Staff Asst., Computer Accounts Office, DoIT** I have been a Non-teaching Professional and UUP member since starting at Stony Brook in 2001. Having been involved in various UUP activities over the years including being a UUP Department Representative, attending a Leadership Workshop Conference and Executive Board Meetings I would now like to add my voice as a delegate to listen to your concerns and to be sure that we have an effective voice in the University community. It is said that the strength of a union is in its many voices. Please allow me to be one of those voices with you and for you.

n **Charles Hansen, (retired)**

n **James Hart, Manager, Infrastructure Eng, Telecommunications & Networking**

n **Nicholas Koridis, Project Coordinator, Facilities Engineering**

— I have been with Stony Brook for 30 years and I ask for your vote as I am running again for statewide Professional Delegate. Currently as delegate I serve on the statewide Technical Issues Committee and assist in other functions while attending every Delegate Assembly representing Stony Brook since 2003. As team leader and bus captain at the annual Stony Brook Albany day, I represented our campus while sending the message for SUNY support along with faculty, students and staff. As Delegate I participated at the NYSUT RA, Department Representative, Legislative Outreach Programs, Legislative Sessions in Albany, UUP statewide leadership training, served on the CCPE committee, attends UUP professional workshops on campus and Advocacy Outreach training. I ask for your support in the elections as UUP Professional Delegate to represent our members for the next two years. Please vote for me by submitting your ballot that will be mailed to your home as I look forward to serve our members in UUP.

n **Stephen Larese, Technical Specialist, Department of Art** — I have been involved in the UUP for over twenty-five years; serving over those years as Chapter Secretary, committee chair or member, or acting as a Delegate to the General Assembly in Albany. This involvement has proven to be a great resource, as well as a learning experience, for me. And I am personally and professionally grateful for whatever contributions I could make. In this current climate of such uncertainty, union involvement becomes increasingly important for all of us. Our collective efforts and interests are the best form of security and progress that unionism affords, as we continue to find our way through the present challenges and changes. I would greatly appreciate your vote and resuming my serve as a Delegate for our UUP Chapter here at Stony Brook.

n **Dominick Logiudice, Sr. Software Engineer, Information Systems**

n **Amy Margolies, Non-credit Advisement Intern, SPD**

n **Charles McAteer, (also running for Vice President for Professionals)**

n **O'Connell, Edward J., Health Physicist/RSO, Environmental Health & Safety** — Greetings! I am asking for your vote as Professional Delegate so I can focus on organizing Long Island as a regional unit through coordinated professional programs working with Local (Pam Wolfskill) and Statewide Leadership. As your Grievance Officer I am committed to making SBU a best place to work on L.I. and as the Chair of the Health and Safety Committee I started new programs over the past year to make SBU a safest place to work on L.I. So, I firmly believe that **SUNY is the Solution** and with your vote I will be able to continue my work as a Professional Delegate and help us all get Long Island and New York State back on a roll again. My last touch: "SUNY/SBU doesn't just sit there like a stone, it has to be made, like bread; remade all of the time, made new".

n **Pappas, Dawn M. (also running for Treasurer)**

n **Quinn, Edward H., Assistant to the Chair, Theater Arts** — I am currently a delegate representing our chapter at the Delegate Assembly and serving on the Chapter Executive Board. I have been a UUP delegate for 16 years. I have served as chapter Vice-President for Professionals, served on chapter committees and several statewide committees as well as being elected to statewide positions. Currently, I am the Membership Development Officer

for UUP. I will continue to represent our chapter members and their needs; and continue to support our chapter activities. I will continue to work hard at the chapter with the other leaders and continue to advocate for our members and their rights. Thank you for your support for the past sixteen years and I ask for your support again in the upcoming election.

n **Warren Randall** (*also running for Part-Time Concerns Representative*)

n **John P. Schmidt, Past President, Stony Brook Core Campus Chapter, UUP** — I am committed to enhancing and protecting the professions that we practice. This can take place on our campus, the political corridors in Albany or Washington or in the arena of public opinion. I seek your vote for a professional delegate seat. As your representative, I will continue to advocate for a favorable budget, continue to address the professional needs of my constituents and continue to affirm employment security.

n **John Shackelford**, (*also running for Secretary*)

n **Arthur Shertzer**, (*also running for President*)

n **Willa Smith, Senior Business Advisor, Small Business Development Center** — I ask for your support to continue as a Professional Delegate representing the needs and concerns of Stony Brook. I have been an active member for 11 years, regularly attending Executive Board meetings and statewide Delegate Assemblies and serving as Chapter Secretary, Chapter Treasurer, and Delegate. I am the current Chair of the Social Committee which organizes the three large membership events of this chapter – which have steadily grown in attendance and popularity. I am a strong proponent of SUNY, having graduated with both my BA and MPS from Oswego and Stony Brook, respectively. My children also attend SUNY, so I am very concerned about maintaining its viability and integrity. This semester I began teaching for the College of Business as an adjunct professor, affording me the perspective of both a professional and academic on campus. I hope to continue to advocate for all employees, ensuring a positive work environment.

n **Hilary Wolfskill, Staff Assistant, University Police** — Since joining UUP, I have had the privilege of serving on the UUP Social Committee. It is important to bring our members together in social settings. My former position in Procurement and my current position with University Police require that I

interface with the University on many levels. Working with the campus community, I see many sides of the issues that make up the diverse nature of the Stony Brook Community. I look forward to my involvement in UUP to meet the challenges head on that face our campus.

n **Pamela Wolfskill, Staff Associate, Political Science** --- **YOU** gave me **YOUR** valuable vote to serve as a Professional Delegate for the past 6 years. As your Chapter Membership Development Officer, I have enhanced our new employee orientations, the Department Representative Program, and worked with Arty, Ed (local and state) and Lisa on timely work related programs for UUP Professionals. I also serve on the UUP State Membership Development Committee and Women's Rights and Concerns Committee. I currently serve on the Social Committee and over see the chapter newsletter and webpage. Other experience includes: AFT and State Leadership workshops, National Conference on Labor Campaign for Single Payer Health Care (HR676), NYS Labor Religion Coalition Border Witness Delegate -- all have given me a deeper understanding of union issues. I don't believe we can sit back and wait for something to happen, for someone to make a difference. That is why I seek **YOUR** vote again to serve as Delegate in ways that benefit **YOU**, the members of UUP.

n **Maureen Wozniak, Staff Asst., Environmental Health & Safety**

n **Charles Wrigley, Instructional Support Technician, Facilities Operations** — I ask for your vote for Professional Delegate to the statewide Delegate Assembly. I have been representing our chapter as Delegate for the past 20 years and have been a member of the statewide Membership Committee since 1999. At the chapter level, I have served as our representative to the Employees Assistance Program committee since 1990, and served two terms as our Chapter Treasurer. Please allow me to continue to represent our chapter in Albany as professional delegate. Thank you.

n **Yumi Yoshino-Hempel, Assoc. Architectural Designer, Facilities Design and Construction** — I have been working as an Architectural Designer at Stony Brook since 2002. I have volunteered Habitat for Humanities and commencement. It's time for me to get involved with the UUP now. First thing, I would like to join the "Women Rights and Concerns" committee. I am looking forward to putting my energy into UUP for next few years.



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