



**United University Professions  
Department Representative/Exec Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 9, 2009  
12:00 p.m.  
SAC Ballroom B**

**Handouts:**

Chapter Leadership Information  
Statewide Administrative Offices List  
Fall Program Fliers (Health & Safety, Making the most of Transition, Professionals Workshops, Barbecue)  
Membership Development Committee Volunteer Interest Form

UUP Vote Cope Video

I. Membership Development Officer, Pam Wolfskill: Welcome and introductions. State-wide President Phil Smith, Chapter President Arty Shertzter, Vice President for Prof. Charlie McAteer, VP for Academics Dan Kinney, Grievance Officer Gary marker, Ed O'Connell, Chapter secretary Dawn Pappas, Treasurer Germaine Hoynos, Cheryl Hamilton and Corinne Burns. State-wide membership development officer Ed Quinn. Lisa Willis and Martin Coffee, NYSUT Labor Relations Specialist

Wolfskill thanked Department Representatives for "packing the UUP parachute" as they play a vital role in the Chapter's success.

II. **212 the Extra Degree Video was played.** Ed O'Connell suggested Reps bring ideas to the officers; we are on a listening tour.

III. **UUP Chapter President Arty Shertzter:** The folders include a collection of program fliers, membership survey and contacts. Expect the newsletter next week in your mail boxes. Shertzter requested ideas for future programs and stated that the office door is always open. He thanked everyone for their attendance and introduced the Statewide UUP President.

IV. Phil Smith, Statewide UUP President spoke about the SUNY budget. He remarked "Stony Brook is impressive". He challenged all present to bring another member to every event. Goal is to get more people involved and have extra voices. The forecast for this year is a deficit of \$2.1billion and next year is approximately \$18 billion. Members are needed to impress upon legislators the good things that are going on within our chapters. We have to convince the legislators the importance of keeping institutions alive. Stony Brook is the economic engine of NYS. We create well educated tax payers. Last year UUP had 5 lobbying days. That is not enough! Members need to be in contact with local legislators on a regular basis by visiting their local offices. More internal work is needed, much like that done to bring all the attendees today in.

Questions to Phil Smith from the attendees:

- How does SUNY fare in terms of other state agencies on budget cuts? Higher education has suffered a 30% decline over the past 40 years. SUNY suffered 22% of the overall cuts last year.

Tax payers don't notice the decline of education institutions. In the next round of budget cuts we are hoping to NOT be hit as hard.

- What is the status of legislation 20/20, UB's plan to grow Buffalo? This bill would allow UB to set their own tuition, it would give them unfitted rights to sell or lease campus owned property, etc. This bill was passed to support weak legislators but it never made it out of the assemblies committee of higher ed. Even worse is bill 5836 which would grant these same things to the 4 SUNY centers. There are ways that we can grow without pulling ourselves apart and putting the costs on the backs of the students.
- Why is the union averse to give backs if it would save the jobs of our colleagues who could possibly loose their jobs? We have no promise that the money we give back would go to saving jobs. The governor was asked for this assurance and could not give it. Until a promise can be given we will continue to say No.

Arty and Phil will be meeting with President Stanley at 1:00 p.m. This meeting will serve to develop a positive working relationship with him and UUP.

Pam asked participants to complete and return the purple **Membership Development Committee Volunteer Interest Form**.

Meeting ended at 12:50 p.m.

(minutes submitted by Hilary Wolfskill, delegate and member of the Membership Development Committee)