



**United University Professions
Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 14 2007
12:00 p.m.
Women's Studies Colloquium Center, Old Chemistry Bldg**

Present: Bill Godfrey, Ed O'Connell, Michael Zweig, Arthur Shertzer, Willa Smith, Nick Koridis, Charlie McAteer, Bushra Butt, Corinne Burns, David Ecker, Dick Laskowski, Gary Marker, Fred Gardaphe, Sal Lentini, John Leone, Charles Wrigley, Arnold Wishnia, Warren Randall, Jim Hart, Dawn Svoboda, Nancy Gaugler, Kelliann Flores, Colleen Wallahora, Nancy Lannak, John Schmidt (presiding), Pamela Wolfskill (recorder)

Absent Officers:

Meeting commenced at 12:08 p.m. *A motion (Wishnia/Smith) to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2007 meeting carried.*

Schmidt announced that Jose Feliciano is in the hospital. A get well gift will be sent from the Sunshine Fund. Schmidt suggested a phone call to his cell 335-9566 for those wishing to offer get well wishes.

**I. President's
Report – John Schmidt**

- ◆ **Chapter Elections 2007-2009** – The official nomination list was handed out along with the policy/procedural reminders.
- ◆ **Presidents Task Force on Campus Climate (handout)** – Schmidt thanked Smith and Marker for their input on the recommendations for ranking of priorities. The section on Hiring and Employment contains matters that are important to our members.
- ◆ **Delegate Assembly** – Schmidt stated that Landy and Quinn are running for re-election and a number of positions on Executive Board. Schmidt thanked Wolfskill and McAteer for putting their names up for EB election and giving speeches. There will be elections at the Spring DA. Schmidt opened the floor to comments from those who attended. Discussion ensued on the various committee meetings from those who attended..
- ◆ **UUP 2007 Legislative Agenda** – Schmidt noted the approaching Stony Brook Day in Albany. He handed out the UUP 2007 Legislative Agenda, The Legislative Committee has been eliminated and is now called “Outreach Committee.” Randall reminded people to fax/email legislators concerning the Berger commission report and to include the Governor.
- ◆ **Spring Leadership Workshop** – Interested delegates should notify Schmidt if interested in attending. Currently Lannak, Lentini and McAteer will attend on 4/13& 14.
- ◆ **Educator Tax Guides** – will not be offered.
- ◆ **Nina Mitchell Award** – Schmidt noted that these are the leaders/movers/shakers. Applications should contain a comprehensive file on the candidate. Schmidt noted the application done on Charlie Hanson serves as an ideal model.

- ◆ **Part-time Member Award for Courageous Service Award.** – Schmidt handed out information on this award. Marker questioned why the word “Courageous” was used. Randall state that it is because part-timers are at risk for their service since they are not tenured.
- ◆ **Labor/Management Meeting will be held on Monday 2/26.** The topics will include Southampton, performance programs, performance evaluations and reappointments compliance report, discretionary salary increase process, part time concerns and a new proposal on salary improvement for campus professionals. Schmidt reported that at the informal L/M meeting, management decided that UUP will be allowed to communicate with their members via Lotus Notes.
- ◆ **UUP Sports Events** – The Athletic Department proposed a UUP sponsored sporting event. Schmidt and McAteer met with them to discuss a \$1 ticket discount for either basketball or lacrosse. Discussion ensued which included the loss of the workout room and lack of gym equipment available for employees. Smith said that perhaps a petition might be good.
- ◆ **Chapter Statistics** – January Chapter Statistics were handed out. There is clear growth but work remains to be done on agency fee payers.

Schmidt acknowledged that despite the awful weather, Corinne Burns braved the elements for a special Valentines Day lunch. Schmidt requested a change in the agenda so the Treasurer’s report could be moved up.

II.

Treasurer’s

Report – Willa Smith –A three page Stony Brook West Campus budget report was distributed. The first page consisted of a recap, to date, of income and expenses for the current fiscal year. The second page projected expenses to the end of this fiscal year, and predicted a carryover balance of @ \$4K to next year.

The third page was a draft of the '07 – '08 budget, and Smith asked all to send her projected expenditures to include in next year's budget, which will be presented and voted on at the April General Membership meeting.. Smith suggested that planned chapter activities at the new Southampton campus should be anticipated and added to the budget, such as meet and greet receptions, workshops, etc.

Smith explained that our chapter is spending more money than we are allocated, and the deficit is worsened due to a flaw in the format of the budget work sheet, which fails to account for payments taken out of our annual chapter allocations for our Chapter Assistant and release time for the Chapter President. Smith plans to once again request a supplemental allocation for the coming fiscal year in order to cover the shortfall of chapter income.

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

concerns on the
issues of our
younger members
stating “it is no
surprise that we
don’t get them
interested in the
union.” He spoke
at the Pres/VP
retreat about this
issue and has
brought it to the
attention of the
younger members.
Shertzer is
preparing a
presentation to
take it to a
substantial effort
with real live
benefits. This will
include Child
Care issue.
Schmidt asked if
this would be a
topic for a lunch
and learn. Lannak
asked about how
one might use flex
time issues to
help. Wrigley
said this should be
brought up to the
President at the
Labor/Manageme
nt meeting.

IV.

Vice

President for Academics's Report – Michael Zweig – Zweig noted the diverse group of people running in the upcoming election. There are more people running than ever before and there is a diverse group. There is also a contested election for VP/Academic. Zweig is looking to have the work divided among the academic delegates.

The two focus groups of full-time lecturers met and had productive discussions about the proposal for Senior Lecturer and Lecturer I and II positions. Zweig stated that he would write up the results, circulate the draft to the people in the focus groups, and then the chapter would send a response to the CAS Dean and Provost.

Zweig announced the April 16 Front Page Discussion 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.

There will be a conference at the Murray Grove Conference Center in New Jersey March 30 – April 1. Wolfskill and Torre attend from our Chapter. Topics to be covered include Building Solidarity out of Diversity, Economic Unfairness and Risk and will include well-know labor educators, strategists, and social activists.

A petition was circulated opposing the War on Iraq and was signed by the leadership of UUP. Zweig would like to consolidate the petitions. He will also meet with Tim Bishop on this issue and asked fellow delegates to accompany him...

V. Part Time Concerns Officer Report – Warren Randall

There are a number of concerns that will be discussed at the L/M meeting agenda meeting. Progress is slow painful and incremental.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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