

United University Professions
Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday July 24, 2007
12:00 p.m.
Women's Studies Colloquium Center, Old Chemistry Bldg

**Present:**, Charles Mcateer, Daniel Kinney, Diane Baldwin-Bello, Edward Oconnell, Jose Feliciano, Judith Wishnia, Nicolas Koridis, Pamela Wolfskill, Richard Laskowski, Sal Lentini, Troy Wolfskill, Warren Randall, Arnold Wishnia, Chuck Wrigley, Catherine Costanzo, F. Jason Torre, Aiyi Liao, Corinne Burns, Kathy Southerton, John Schmidt (presiding), David V. Ecker (recorder).

#### **Absent Officers:** none

Meeting commenced at 12:08 p.m. A motion Feliciano/Mcateer to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2007 Motion to approve minutes carried.

# President's Report - John Schmidt

- John welcomes Kathy Sutherthand to the meeting.
- The Academic and Prof. Council will begin setting up meetings soon.
- Chapter VP/Presidents Retreat in Aug 16<sup>th</sup>. With the SUNY Wide board
- Campus Chapter Retreat will be on-campus August 21<sup>st</sup> we will meet 9am 4pm.
  - o We are hoping all can attend the day. Dinner at the end of the day.
  - Please submit topics for the retreat. Objectives of the day is to chart out a course for the chapter over the next two years. John asked for other priorities?
    - Please give to Dan/Arty or John to include in the retreat.
- New Employee Orientations, Pam Wolfskill is the membership development officer, we asked the delegates and officers to attend these Orientation sessions to describe about UUP.
  - Arty This is an important presentation that covers Dental/Vision benefits program as well as the UUP membership card. He has asked Lynn Johnson if they can get a little release time to assist with this presentation. This will be discussed in Labor Mgmt.
  - O Pam The Orientation has changed from an all day session to a half-day session without lunch. All new employee orientation will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor HR training room, which is small. Pam asked for some assistance from the Faculty to attend the Faculty only Orientation sessions.
  - o HR is running a lunch for all new employees will be Sept. 18, 2007. (those new employees that started April through June) This will continue for all new employees as the year moves on.
  - Ed O'Connell Safety training and Sexual Harassments Training has been cut down and is not happening. Ed would like to recommend that we try to improve the orientations.
  - o Kathryn University departments heads and chairs requested that Orientations would be split into ½ day sessions.

- Orientation for new Campus Residences and presentation on UUP to include all Campus Residences all personnel.
- Diane Rodriguez has helped to move forward with NEA Grant. Deadline is August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - o The NEA grant is membership initiatives, support, strengthen chapter involvment, etc.
  - o Dawn Svodba is the head of the communications committee.
- Sept 12<sup>th</sup> is the Welcome Back BBQ No rain date, we are reserving the Union Ball Room as an alternative location.
- Handout UUP Executive Board Calendar for the statewide committee
- LI Federation of Labor We are members. We need to consider if we should stay affiliated, since we need someone to commit to attending meetings and reporting.
  - o Judy Meetings will be distributed by email only.
  - o Sal called and was unable to get phone calls about meetings.
  - Arty Concept is good, but they are involved is different then we are. Our union is different since we advocate for SUNY we deal with State, etc. We should not be included.
  - Judy We should stay included since Retiree's are very good contacts, a lot of the union issues with Social Security, Pensions, etc. Political evenings are a major difference for state government issues
  - Joe recommended a committee to attend this LI Federation. A number of labor issues that are being attacked from the US Government. This works in the upstate region.
  - o Discussion continued.

John is going to put it up for a vote at the next Exec. Board if we should stay included in LI Federation of Labor.

- o They meet the Last Monday of every month.
- o Discussion continued.

• Chapter Statistic's – Handout

- o Included in the handout. We have 2130 members in the unit. We have included at least 100 of the last year.
- o In the future we will be given a comparison reports.
- Chapter Initiatives.

0

0

- o John asked if anyone has an initiatives to let him know. He is in complete support of all initiatives but would like be notified.
- Memo from Dean of Arts and Sciences
  - o Serious funding problem in CAS. Adjunc's are going to be curtailed. Copy of memo has been sent to UUP Central.

### **Vice President for Academics Report – Dan Kinney**

- Stony Brook Southampton
  - O The University library is setting up a Southampton Library but all work and functions will be done out of the existing West Campus offices. This will impact workload in all areas.
  - o I brought up Client Support is also seeing the additional workload creep in relation to Southampton.
  - o Discussion ensued
  - Recommendation to setup a formal meeting to discuss Southampton with Management.
- Dean Staro's
  - o Is attempting to increase the tenure clock and sabbaticals will be given only after 10 years.

#### **Vice President for Professional's Report – Arthur Shertzer**

- Professional Steering Committee is finishing calendar and events, calendar will be available in the next meeting
- Council Meetings can happen in your building, if you want to host please contact Arty.

# **Report of the Chapter Treasurer – Charlie McAteer**

- Petty Cash \$48.50, Savings \$6222.29, Checking \$990.91
- Total Account Balance: \$7261.70
- Awaiting a reimbursement from UUP central for an emergency carpet replacement (Toilet over-flowed in the office)
- In the process of setting up a reserve account in the total amount of 10% of total allocation (this will take place over the next 3 years) as an emergency fund.
- The Communications committee is researching a website and ISP provider since UUP
  Central is unable to provide the needed space requirements. This occur some cost if we
  wish to proceed.

#### Report of the Part-Time Concerns Officer – Warren Randall

- All Part-Time issues/concerns should include Warren or Sal in the discussions.
- They had the 1<sup>st</sup> Part time Labor Management meeting. The result was to take a survey of all Part Time concerns through a mailing. Since some mailings have been unchanged for 20 years.
- Arty Recommendation to send all UUP communications to Part Timers homes.

### Report of the Affirmative Action Officer – Jose Feliciano

 Commitment of three people on committee Adam Ortiz, Diane Rodriguez and Pamela Wolfskill • Joe is on a number of statewide committee's that will help to facilitate the Affirmative Action Committee.

#### **Old Business**

- Campus Lockdown
  - o Sal asked Is there a plan for locking down the campus in case of Emergencies?
  - o Discussion continued.
  - o Result: From our knowledge there is no lockdown procedure but University Police is in the process of working through drills.

0

# The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

The next EB meeting will be held on August 21, 2007