



STONY BROOK WEST

## Executive Board Meeting Minutes

**Monday March 17, 2009**  
**SBS N702 Conference Room**

**Present:**

Arty Shertzer, Ed O'Connell, Pamela Wolfskill, Chuck Wrigley, Jose Feliciano, Dan Kinney, Willa Smith, John Schmidt presiding, David Ecker Recorder

**Absent Officers:** none

Meeting commenced at 12:07 p.m.

*A motion by Feliciano/Godfrey to approve the minutes of the Feb 2009 meeting carried, motion carried.*

### **Report of Chapter President – John Schmidt**

1. Chapter Elections

Has everyone received their UUP Ballots. If you hear anyone who hasn't received a ballot (they aren't on the membership rolls as of Jan 1 or they are an agency fee payer)

If they receive HSC ballots please contact John Schmidt.

2. General Membership Meeting

Monday – March 30<sup>th</sup> at Southampton campus.

West Campus core campus meeting March 31<sup>st</sup> at SAC Auditorium

General Membership will receive budget at these meetings.

The Southampton meeting will be most of the day.

3. Chapter Statistics – Feb 2009

These are the figures since the end of Feb.

4. Campus Mailings

The campus mail protocols have changed. Mailings must have the address portion at the top of the page and on the front of the campus mail.

5. Senate Resolution - Handout

The voice is being heard. John has reached out to the Senate and Dan Kinney is our contact/liaison with the Senate.

6. Anti-War Rally

- a. There is rally tomorrow outside of SAC on the topic against the war. The rally is at 12:45pm in front of the Fountain on the academic mall.

**Guest Speaker – Wes Kennison, College at Geneseo** – Past UUP Statewide Board Member  
John introduced Wes Kennison from Geneseo

Wes presented and talked to the Executive Board meeting about his process on the Negotiations team and such. He is running for President of UUP statewide.

Wes discussion the labor management process and how it reflected part time issues. From the UUP side we were able to put a human face for the state on the issues for part time (A47 process)

They discovered that 10/14% part time professionals and academics have a family income below the Federal poverty line from the Part Time Survey.

Wes discussed how the part timers are SUNY's greatest asset with utilizing people who have roots in both the private and public sector.

Where we are in UUP with these difficult times we are dealing with, in the political world it is what can you do and what we can do them. We need to build the capital that we can give so we can trade our political capital. UUP needs to get better at describing what we are at UUP which is a stable population to the university that we bring to the local and state governments.

Discussion ensued

Wes's webpage will be distributed to all by this weekend.

Question – ***How do we stop the bleeding with the legislature and how UUP will have political capital in NY State?***

Yes, he has some ideas with the Faxes and seeing us each day. We need to make improvement to get us in the room when things happen. We need to work on our relationships more with the legislators.

Question – ***Is it contractual that part-timers sit in Labor/Mgmt meeting?*** Yes if available on each campus.

***With all this going on what do you want to run UUP President?***

He is stepping up because he feels there is a need and he doesn't want to stay on the sidelines to help improve the UUP and see's the most vulnerable members suffer, he wants to help the members succeed.

## **Report of VP for Academics – Dan Kinney**

Academic Council meeting – Michael Schwartz (Senate President) showed up and would like to work with UUP but needs to get the Campus Senate in line with UUP. Search firm for the new President doesn't want any candidates to meet with people on the local campus. This causes problems for UUP in the future. He asked how should we deal with this?

UUP – Erica Duncan came to campus and founder of Writers Workshop. She gave a talk and archives are going to Stony Brook special collections, with her writings. April 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a follow up in the Wang Center. New Dean of School of social work will be involved in this April 20<sup>th</sup> follow up program. Vivian Fisher will give opening remarks.

Fred Floss was here yesterday about the Library and discussed part time issues. Fred meet with library appointments and promotions committee, Fred gave a talk on academic workload. We still don't know what to tell Faculty on the local level when Faculty is asked to teach an extra class. Fred is willing to come down again to meet with Senate executive committee. Governor's at the Senate level controls the course load.

Anti-War rally tomorrow, US Labor against the war will be participating.

Mike Zweig will give a talk on his experiences in Iraq, Beverly Peterson will be coming to campus about the Anti-Bullying and invite Assemblyman Englebright.

## **Report of VP for Professionals – Arty Shertzer**

Marlene is doing on Email Etiquette. Dean Edelson is doing a program on Leadership skills.

Question – What can our Delegates do to support Wes at the DA?

We have to make sure all delegates need to be present when the elections happen in the Spring DA. Wes believes to do this one person at a time. He asks that if you know people throughout the SUNY system give them a call and help him out. 585-703-6681 (cell phone) please give him a call if there is someone that needs to talk him.

Election will be at the DA – 8am on Saturday morning, this is a change from previous years.

More programs will be in April. The new website is ready and Thanks to Pam.

Question: **Can we reach the Faculty through insight to discuss Past Practice on workload?**

We decided to reach out to the University Senate on this issue, since reaching out to faculty in a different way to since some of them are concentrated on research, grant's and such..

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

- We have \$643.40 in all funds and have sent a request to UUP central for early consideration of our April's allotment check. UUP Treasurer Rowena has emailed back they will cut us our check early for just over \$10,000 which is our last allotment till Sept.
- Working with John, the audit/budget committee and keeping Artie & Germaine (sole presidential & treasurer candidates) in the loop we have prepared the justification for our approx. \$30,000 supp. allotment request for 2009/10. That documentation & our proposed budget was sent up to UUP this week in time for the mid March deadline.
- This month UUP central had a conference call for chapter treasurers & members of the statewide finance committee. John, Germaine (the sole candidate for chapter treasurer) & myself participated in that phone call in the UUP office. It discussed the coming chapter proposed budgets & discussion of agency fee rebatable items and took Q & A's from the group. I believe at least half of the chapters were represented and this gave Germaine an opportunity to hear more about the officership she is seeking. We have asked for her to be part of the chapter audit & budget committee so she will become familiar with our chapter finances prior to the change in officership on June 1st. I have been showing her the books & copying her on documentation dealing with the chapter's finances.
- This week I will finalize the bills for the joint east/west dinner dance and ask the east chapter to write a check for any differences since we wrote the checks for the DJ. That will close the books on the event finance wise.
- Finally the petty cash system is working out OK with us limiting the petty cash fund to \$100 at any time with combination of cash & receipts totaling \$100 at all times. The replacement is always to bring the cash back up to the \$100.00 level and then those receipts are entered in the Quicken accounting system back charging which ever subcategory they are charged off to so we keep in line with UUP's standard major categories. We establish subcategories off these major ones to customize our chapter's finances to our respective needs & allowing us to see in what areas we are spending our members monies.

**Respectfully submitted March 12th, 2009, Charlie McAteer, UUP west chapter treasurer**

### **Membership Development**

Pam Wolfksill – April 15<sup>th</sup> is the next deadline for the Newsletter.

May 8<sup>th</sup> is the Department Rep meeting

Bill Godfrey student is coordinating a meeting with Legislatures; the flyer is being passed out.

Woman's summer school proposal has been submitted to UUP Statewide.

UUP has endorsed Single player action passing out flyers.

Discussion ensued

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

We are suffering from more insights and Part Timers are getting newsletter to their homes. He would like to change the Part Time officer in our bylaws locally to separate the responsibilities of the Part time academic officer and a Part Time Professional officer

Wes discussed how Part Timers can't travel due to their two jobs (private and public sector positions) if we can develop up to date communications, utilizing technology.

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

No report

### **Grievances – Gary Marker/Ed O'Connell**

No report

### **Health and Safety – Ed O'Connell**

We have a health and safety survey – that will be going out in a broadcast email

Donna Buller workshop on comedy.

Fire Safety presentation.

Regional planning on Professional programs with John Marino, discussed how to execute this advocacy. Meeting soon.

### **Social committee - Willa**

Dinner Dance was very successful. The big three events were great. Thank you to the social committee. We paid for 125 people split with HSC chapter and ended up with only 102 people at the Dinner Dance.

### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

Judy wishnia was relected to the CoArm Chair

The meeting adjourned at 1:15pm