

Report of the VP for Academics
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The establishment of the local title of senior lecturer was accepted by the administration at the formal labor-management meeting on November 24. There was also agreement on the need for timeliness in formalizing this title. There remain governance issues that will need to be ironed out between the administration and senate, but UUP's part in this initiative was successful. These procedural issues should be resolved before the next formal labor-management meeting. Gary did an excellent job of presenting the issue on behalf of our members. This is an important first step in promoting the concerns of contingency faculty on this campus.

There has been a change in leadership in the Melville Library. On behalf of many UUP members in the library, I would like to thank the UUP officers, grievance chairs, labor relations specialists, and others who have stood with the library staff. I would especially like to recognize Arty for his strong support and for making the library problem a priority during the first part of his presidency.

Fred Floss, statewide Vice President for Academics, and Ed Quinn, statewide Membership Development Officer, presented a summary of a membership survey conducted by UUP in late 2008 at the December 2 meeting of the Academic Council. The survey showed that the membership is quite satisfied with UUP.