

Report of the Vice President for Academics – D. Kinney

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At the annual conference of the SUNY Librarians Association (SUNYLA) in Syracuse, I attended a session on a joint labor-management committee that was established to explore librarian equity issues within SUNY. This was a SUNYLA initiative; however, UUP is the exclusive representative for the negotiation of terms and conditions of employment. Therefore, SUNYLA and UUP are working together on behalf of SUNY librarians. The first accomplishment was Appendix 48 in the 2007-2011 contract, which states that during the negotiations "certain issues related to librarians were raised by UUP that were of such significant concern that review at the Executive Level is required." Appendix 48 stipulates that SUNY, GOER, and UUP shall meet to discuss issues of mutual concern. John Schumacher, President of the Systems Administration UUP Chapter, is chairing the joint SUNYLA/UUP group, and Daniel Harms from Cortland, Past President of SUNYLA, is representing SUNYLA. I spoke with John Schumacher at the conference and suggested that the group take a look at Stony Brook's West Campus Library as an example of poor treatment of both professionals and academics. The discussion with the state is currently focusing on unscheduled time to meet the various requirements listed in the policies of the SUNY Board of Trustees. The state is interested in this topic, and UUP considers it to be a means of beginning a conversation that will not end with this issue alone. Appendix 47 of the current contract has similar text relating to part-time employees and the establishment of a joint labor-management committee to discuss part-time concerns.

The meeting times for the Academic Council during the fall semester are as follows: September 9, October 7, November 4, and December 2. The Academic Council meets at 12:00 PM in the Women's Studies Colloquium Center.