



United University Professions

Executive Board Meeting

September 18, 2007 12:00 p.m.

Student Activities Center

Attendees: Michael Zweig, Charles Wrigley, Willa Smith, Dawn Svodoba-Pappas, Catherine Costanzo, John Shackelford, Corinne Burns, Nancy Lannak, Nancy Lynn Gaugler, Nick Koridis, Bushra Butt, Mary Bernero, Arnold Wishnia, John Leone, Pamela Wolfskill, Troy Wolfskill, Warren Randall, Judy Wishnia, Charlie McAteer, Arty Shertzer, Diane Baldwin-Bello, Sal Lentini, Paula Di Pasquale, John Schmidt (presiding) David V. Ecker (recorder)

Meeting commenced at 12:10pm. . *A motion Shertzer/Smith to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2007 Motion to approve minutes carried.* One note by Randall to correctly spell names on all minutes. Additional update to note that Part/Time Survey is being done by Management not UUP.

A motion McAteer/Shertzer to approve the minutes of August 21, 2007, Motion to approve minutes carried.

Presidents Report – John Schmidt

- Dan Kinney's surgery was successful, he will be recovering for 4/6 weeks
- Judy Wishnia received UUP Outstanding Retiree Award
- Retreat Summary
 - Reinvigorate and Expand Dept. Rep. System
 - Reduce number of Agency Fee Payers (most are P/T Academics)
 - Stony Brook Southampton
- Scheduled Southampton Visit October 4, 2007 with Management
- University Senate of Stony Brook is wishing to collaborate with UUP to find out about plans for Faculty/Staff in Southampton (Mike Zweig)
- UUP would like to work with University management to set policies and procedures for employees in Southampton
- Newsletter – Evening Hours (Tues/Wed nights)
 - Request for assistance from Delegates/Officers for assistance with coverage.
- Southampton – we should have bulletin boards in Southampton for UUP announcements, mention at L/M.
- Dept reps already exist in Southampton
- L/M meeting – John will discuss increase for Professionals – October 4, 2007
 - Discuss the slow response from Human Resources on UUP issues
 - Discussion to talk about Broadcast emails for UUP.
- Discretionary Raises – Dawn Svodoba asked if you can self nominate yourself for Discretionary raises.
 - Yes, you may self nominate by sending a letter to your supervisor that should list accomplishments of what an employee accomplished over the past year
- DA – Chapter Pres/VP will be meeting with the Statewide Officers
- Meeting with Congressman Bishop (this Friday Sept. 21, 2007)
 - Follow-up meeting were we represented UUP to bring home Iraq soldiers.

- Black Arm bands should be worn on Third Friday of every month to show support against the war.
- All are invited to attend meeting with Congressman Bishop at 1:30pm, meeting at UUP office at 12pm.
- Wishnia – Bishop is a great congressman, 100% record support for not supporting privatization of Social Security, supportive of UUP issues.
- General Membership meeting – October 17, 2007
 - Room TBA
- Benefits Fair – Oct. 30th
 - Pamela Wolfskill – Asked if it is possible to get a Holiday or Wine Basket to raffle off?
 - HR – Request to contribute for Benefits Fair.
 - *Motion by John Schmidt contribute \$50 to HR Benefits Fair. Second by Nancy Lannak*
 - *Discussion ensued.*
 - *Motion passes.*
- Request Nominations for Distinguished Service from Brent Lindquist (acting Provost)
- College Committee on Professional Evaluations – volunteer needed.
 - Arty – request to discuss this in L/M meeting.
- New Provost – Ed Kaler from University of Delaware
 - Suggestion for a meet and greet
- New Empire Plan deductibles.
- Handout Prescription Drug Program, effective Jan 1
- NEA grant request for our Dept. Rep. System
- Fall DA – Buffalo 17 delegates able to attend out of 24.
- Winter DA will be critical for votes, urged all delegates to attend
- Friends of SUNY Award have started to see nominee’s usually a political appointment.

Vice President for Academics Report – Dan Kinney

Dan Kinney out sick. Mike Zweig, acting VP.

- UUP co-sponsoring a Harry Bridge Project at Oct 11, 2007
- Request for UUP to co-sponsor Oct 15, 2007 at 4pm. No money needed.
 - Session Title: Lesson from Oaxaca Teacher Organizing in Latin America and New York
- Approved by Exec. Board.

Vice President for Professional’s Report – Arthur Shertzer

- October is the enrollment month for Flex Spending and Dependent care program.
- Fast Track for Professional Program has been published.

Report of the Chapter Treasurer – Charlie McAteer

- \$166 petty cash
- \$411 checking

- \$222 savings
- Total Accounts \$830.31
- Corinne negotiated a \$600 savings for the BBQ from the University Cafe
Corinne - Thanks – Great Job.
- He is leading a task force to review bylaws with Diane Bello and Chuck Wrigley to present changes in Spring General Membership meeting.

Report of the Part-Time Concerns Officer – Warren Randall

- Sent out 440 surveys to Part Time Academic and Professionals, Received 70 responses
We received 4 new members and many comments about no desks, phones, etc.
- Questions on surveys were about Health Care, Salaries, etc.
Arty – Newsletter should go Part/Timers homes.
Sal – We would like to interview Part/Time members and display them Insight. A thank you to Warren Randall he did a great job.

Report of the Affirmative Action Officer – Jose Feliciano

No Report

Committee Reports

Dawn Svoboda-Pappas – Communications Committee

- Meeting in October to brainstorm meeting about Insight, Web Site, Happy PayDay, Fax, Flyers, etc..
Next newsletter will have a different format.

Pamela Wolfskill – Membership Committee

- From the New Employee Orientations she has been able to average 4 Vote/Cope cards per Orientation
- Displayed the flyer for UUP Benefits Fair

Charlie McAteer – Political Action Committee

- Advocacy Training on Oct 10, 2007 – at Wang Center
This is training for Stony Brook Core Campus, HSC, Old Westbury, & Farmingdale

Willa Smith – Social Committee

- Successful Jeopardy Event
- Successful BBQ
227 Tickets, we think more attendees
Perfect Event and Weather
Future ideas request for Live Music
- Next Event – Holiday Party Dec 14th.
Planning Meeting Oct 9th in UUP Office
It will be at university Café from 3-5pm
- Dinner Dance, Planning with HSC – possible Sat Feb. 23rd

Old Business

Judy - L/M meeting, Can retired professionals be able to keep Email?
Emeriti – Have email as long as needed.
Retiree's not-Emeriti – May keep their email up to 3 years.

New Business

Adjournment at 1:25pm