

UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2010

Attendees: M. Knee, S. Kudzin, J. Gendron, N. Keelen, B. Shadrick, M. Seidel, R. See, J. Uppal, A. Olin, C. Merbler, I. Steen, P. Abraham, C. Jewell, T. Hoey, J. Collins, M. Grosshandler, S. Knapp, L. Bickmore, S. D'Alessandro, R. Vives, G. Petry, P. Romain, J. Bogan, W. Reese, K. Thompson-LaPerle, *Guest-Marty Manjak

The meeting commenced at 12:33 pm.

- I. Approval of minutes from 12/9/09 Executive Committee Meeting:
Abraham moved, Hoey seconded; amend to state that Steen was absent due to proctoring an exam; the vote carries.

- II. Reports
 - A. **Officers**
 1. **President**

1. President Merbler summarized her report. Welcome back!
Full delegation going to the DA. There will be a silent auction at the DA to raise funds for the scholarship fund. UUP will hold a rally on February 5, 2010. Merbler will work to get bus for the Albany Chapter to pick up people on campus; campus people need to sign up. So far only 10 people have signed up. Delegates who will be at the DA do not need to sign up. Delegates were encouraged to get more people signed up. 11:40 pick-up, back to campus at 1 pm. Speak to your supervisor about using comp time. Discussion about busses and getting people to sign up, and targeted communications. Merbler mentioned that UAlbany Day is a campus function—I hope you attend.

Add-ons

1. Donate what you can to the UA Haiti Relief Fund. UAS will match funds up to \$40,000. Romain has been working with the Haitian students.
2. Carol Jewell has been named the newest Great Great Dane. Applause. Jewell gave information about the award.
3. Congratulations to Sally and Arnold on their marriage! Applause! A kiss and more applause!
4. Romain thanked Merbler for speaking to Philip about relief for Haiti, also thanks to Abraham and others. Romain's Haitian students have raised nearly \$4,000! Romain spoke more about the disaster; what we see on TV news is a sanitized version. There is also a fund for our 19 Haitian (international) students' needs.

2. **VP for Academics:** Steen was at LOB yesterday. Times Union has article today saying legislators aren't happy with Governor's budget, but that doesn't mean that the cuts will be reversed. We will hear more at the DA. Manjak and Petry also went to the LOB, Manjak gave a brief summary. Thank you to Manjak, Petry and Steen.
3. **VP for Professionals:** Abraham had no formal report. He is dealing with issues with members: leave time, and out of title work.
4. **Secretary:** Jewell is still working on the minutes.
5. **Treasurer:** Report is attached. Olin took a day off and went to UUP Central to meet with Tina George, UUP Comptroller, to get her questions answered, and talked about the audit. The Albany Chapter was not audited this year. Olin asked about agency fee refundable items. Discussion. Merbler: UUP Central didn't tell us until July 2009 that we were doing this incorrectly. Merbler is grieving the parking passes for 6 guests—UUP State Officers who come to meetings/workshops to talk to members about terms and conditions; only \$18, but it's the principle.
6. **Part Time Concerns Representative** - Absent.

B. Standing Committees

1. Grievance: Petry said 2 cases are going to arbitration.
2. EAP: 2 documents distributed; thanks to Janice in absentia for a great first report.

III. Old Business: None

IV. New Business

1. Romain moved to adequately fund, with a friendly amendment from Abraham, the UUP Chapter 2010 Spring General Membership Meeting (Date TBA). Gendron seconded and the vote carries.
2. Abraham: I will help film the TV ad. We need white students; email contact information to me.
3. Jewell moved to send \$100 from Good & Welfare fund to UAS/Romain/Haitian Relief. Vives seconded and the vote carries unanimously.

Romain moved to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol H. Jewell, Secretary