

**UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 30, 2011**

**Attendees:** L. Bickmore, J. Collins, S. D'Alessandro, J. Gendron, M. Grosshandler, T. Hoey, F. Jaquez, C. Jewell, S. Knapp, M. Knee, S. Kudzin, G. Landsman, C. Merbler, A. Olin, G. Petry, C. Quinn, P. Romain, R. See, M. Seidel, I. Steen, R. Vives, L. Wittner, K. Thompson-LaPerle

The meeting commenced at 12:15 p.m.

Approval of minutes from 3/9/11 Executive Committee meeting: Steen moved, See seconded, the vote carries.

I. Reports

**A. Officers**

**1. President-**Merbler provided her report in writing and will not go over item-by-item, except: #2 Raffle money: D'Alessandro supports giving the money for Japan relief; Collins wants it to go to the Northeast Regional Food Bank, sending money to Japan at a later time. We took a vote, with 7 voting for the Food Bank and 9 for Japan Relief Fund; money will be matched by UAS; #4, see under New Business; #5, Collins: schedule meetings throughout the summer. Merbler: We will arrange for 3 meetings.

**ADD-ONS**

----Abraham is still out due to a family death. The Chapter has sent a card. Additional support would be good from Chapter members.

**2. Vice President for Academics:** Steen: visiting the Legislature weekly and the Committee of 100 about a week ago. Also, I have had several phone calls from nervous faculty. Brief discussion. Steen: SUNY restorations are likely to be zero. Merbler: Rational tuition may still get negotiated, but we don't know the monetary amount. Romain: yesterday was EOP/EOC Advocacy Day: thank you to UUP for support. Discussion about Kegs N Eggs. Steen responded; it didn't help our cause. More discussion. Wittner commented on today's rally possibly helping; Merbler said she didn't know *where* the Legislature would get the money. Merbler advised those going down to today's rally: DO NOT block doors and entrances, or you risk being arrested.

**3. Vice President for Professionals:** Abraham absent due to death in his family.

**4. Secretary:** Jewell: I owe you Labor/Management minutes.

5. **Treasurer:** Merbler welcomed Olin back! Olin: I made changes to the formatting of the report. I would like to put this forward as our budget on Friday, 4/1/11, at General Membership meeting. Merbler asked Olin to check/correct one figure (Chapter Release Time) in the 09-10 Actual Expenditures. Brief discussion. See offered to make an email list of just signed members. Merbler: I will take this under advisement and talk to Officers about it. See: Ok. Hoey: Is Treasury report FOILable? Seidel: No, because we are not a governmental agency. I have no idea what UUP Central feels about it. Merbler: You will not see it on the web. More discussion. Romain moved, D'Alessandro seconded, to approve the Budget with correction; vote carries. Hoey asked Olin about possible changes to budget if dues are reduced due to layoffs. Olin: No problem, we are not bound to it. Thank you and applause for Olin.

6. **Part-time Concerns Rep:** Hanifan: absent. Merbler: We are trying to facilitate and move forward the use of the Part Time Guidelines and will have 2 mini workshops for department chairs and assistants to chairs (our member). Merbler moved, in Hanifan's absence, for minimal funding (50-60 people) for this, seconded by Romain, Jewell, and Collins. The vote carries.

**B. Standing Committees:**

1. **Solidarity:** Wittner: On 4/4/11, AFL-CIO is sponsoring a series, "We are One," nationally, joined by other progressive groups, in support of unions, on anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s death. Wittner will soon send details about Albany, NY's meeting. And, on 4/29/11, film, "Made in Dagenham," to be shown, sponsored by the Solidarity Committee of the Capital District, co-sponsored by area women's groups; Wittner will send more information.

**C. Ad Hoc Committees:**

1. **Peace & Justice:** Collins: I will propose that P&J come back to the issue of war, and a "National Priorities Network." No concrete action at this point, however.

II. **Old Business:** None.

**III. New Business:**

1. **Approval of the Chapter 2011-2012 Budget:** done, as part of Treasurer's report.
2. **Funding for Dinner Meeting of Faculty of Affected Programs:** Previously discussed under President's report; Kelly checking availability dates. Romain moved to fund this; Olin and Collins seconded, and the vote carries.

3. **Summer Hours for Chapter Assistant:** By contact, we must contact Kelly by 4/15 as to her summer hours. Merbler to ask Kelly to follow-up on a slew of temporary appointments, make a spreadsheet to monitor the appointments, and not “let” Administration do backdoor searches. Merbler: Minimum of 20 hours is appropriate, 4 days a week. Collins: It is a good idea. Olin: The funding for this is already in the 10/11 and 11/12 budgets. Brief discussion. Olin moved to approve the funding for Kelly to work 20 hours over the summer. D’Alessandro seconded and the vote carries.
4. **Request for Haiti Funding:** Merbler: Romain asked me to consider a proposal to help support a grant for 16 students in Haiti; UUP Statewide has pledged \$5,000; NYSUT will also participate. Merbler: We could make a God and Welfare donation (current balance is about \$829). But if NYSUT doesn’t give money, UUP Statewide will not, either. Discussion. Wittner moved to appropriate sufficient funding, Petry seconded. More discussion. Merbler: There are many contingencies. Collins: I have a Friendly Amendment, I propose we over \$400, contingent on the receipt of other monies. Olin seconded, the vote carries. Romain: Thank you. Applause. Merbler: This is part of the good stuff UA kids do!

Move to adjourn by acclamation, and the meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol H. Jewell,  
Secretary