

**UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 4, 2009**

Attendees: C. Merbler, C. Jewell, D. Hoecker, J. Hanifan, I. Steen, L. Wittner, L. Bickmore, G. Landsman, J. Collins, M. Knee, P. Abraham, P. Romain, G. Petry, R. Vives, T. Hoey, J. Gendron, D. LaComb, N. Keelen, E. Gaffney, M. Grosshandler, R. See, K. Thompson-LaPerle

The meeting commenced at 12:20 p.m.

- I. Waive approval of Executive Committee Meeting minutes from:  
June 12, 2007, November 7, 2007: Abraham moved, Bickmore seconded, the vote carries; January 21, 2009, February 11, 2009 and March 23, 2009: Abraham moved, Landsman seconded and the vote carries.

II. Reports

A. Officers

1. President Merbler went over her report
  1. Thank you to all for your accomplishments!
  2. Add: James Wessman and Ed Cupoli (both delegates) to those who are leaving. Applause for Hoecker. Thank you to Gaffney, applause.
  3. Re: the Treasurer situation: Since there is no clear majority, Kreh will look at results again and determine if top 2 or 3 vote winners are willing to serve. If so, we will have a runoff. If they don't want to serve, the Executive Committee can appoint someone to the position.
  4. We will see retrenchment. Intense discussion ensued. Many questions, some unanswerable at this time.
  5. Merbler passed "Union Women" workshop flyers out. Will be held at StonyBrook this summer. If you want to attend, some funding available through UUP Central. Contact Phil Smith directly if you want to attend.
  6. Summer meeting schedule is in your packets today.
  7. Merbler spoke of her vacation plans.
  8. We are all facing these difficult times together. Pass along to us any rumors that you hear.
  9. UA DOES have a pandemic plan. Within 48-72 hours, there would be a campus shutdown.

Questions for the President

1. Wittner: Classes on Labor Day? Merbler: No! And the calendar has been fixed. Some other SUNY campuses do hold classes on Labor Day.

2. VP for Academics: Steen gave more info on the 23 adjuncts from the School of Education controversy between UUP and SUNY, re: \$75 million (system-wide). UUP says it exists, SUNY says it does not. Steen doesn't think UA will get any of the \$75 million. Brief discussion ensued. Be careful regarding workload!  
Merbler: UUP does NOT endorse giving back the 3% raise!
3. VP for Professionals: Abraham: I've been meeting with members on various issues. Hoey asked a question about professionals.
4. Secretary: I apologize for the late minutes. We had to put our cat, Max, down. Merbler: We'll give you that window, sorry about Max.
5. PT Concerns: Hanifan: We have formed a committee of six!  
[Secretary asked Jill to send report via email.]
6. Treasurer: No report, though our check did come and was deposited.

B. Standing Committees

1. EAP: Hoecker: Wellness Fair had over 300 people. EAP can help with job fair info. Alumni can ask Abraham's office for help.
2. Social: Tickets for picnic, which is 6/12/09, are \$29.

C. Ad Hoc Committees

1. Peace & Justice: Collins & Landsman: Healthcare workshop was successful, about 12 attendees. Landsman & Collins to send info to Jewell.
2. Disability: Jewell talked about Disabilities Resource Center/parking/barriers to accessibility, both physical and attitudinal. Abraham commended Jewell as a leader, applause

III. Old Business: None.

IV. New Business:

1. Collins moved to fund Executive Committee meetings, planned or emergency, Bickmore seconded, during summer 2009. Vote carries.

Motion to adjourn by Collins, and the meeting ended at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol H. Jewell,  
Secretary