

UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2010

Attendees: G. Petry, M. Seidel, C. Merbler, S. D'Alessandro, A. Olin, P Abraham, N. Keelen, B Shadrick, P. Romain, L. Wittner, T. Hoey, M. Knee, J. Gendron, J. Collins, K. Thompson-LaPerle, F. Jaquez, S. Kudzin, B. Benjamin

The Meeting commenced at 12:40 PM

- I. Approval of minutes from 9/1/10 meeting: the vote carries.

Reports

A. Officers

1. President

1. There will be 12 Delegates attending the DA in Buffalo out of a possible 24-26 Delegates. We need to be mindful of responsibilities to represent the Chapter and we need better attendance. Some committees are not meeting at all but we still need to represent our Chapter. Travel arrangements have been difficult to arrange. Many attendees will be going out to Buffalo Thursday evening. UUP cancelled the bus due to only 4 signed up and the bus holds 58. Alternate travel arrangements are being made. Train is not accommodating to schedules, arriving after most meetings are over. Plane is the only alternative.

Congratulations to Larry Wittner for being awarded the Nina Mitchell award.

Pre-DA luncheon meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, 9/28.**

2. Merbler will be attending the Outreach Retreat 9/23 & 9/24 and then back to Campus for Governance Council meeting at 4 pm.
3. Discussion about NYPIRG and Rock the Vote registration process. More information will be forthcoming. This is an important initiative for the University and strongly supported by President Philip. We still need a volunteer for Rock the Vote Coordinator. Looking to faculty to announce registration plans in their class; hopefully there will be large participation and looking for volunteers for this event in filling out forms.
4. Merbler seeking a volunteer Phone Bank Captain which was announced at the last Exec. Meeting—still looking for a volunteer.
5. Janice Bogan, (UUP EAP Rep) is looking for a UUP EAP Representative to replace Chris Bischoff who is the outgoing EAP Representative. Bogan is specifically looking for a library faculty member. Received a volunteer response from Colin Quin. Welcome Colin to UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee.

6. Merbler is looking for response to the upcoming Leadership Workshop, end of October in Lake George, NY. Merbler only received two responses for the Leadership Workshop. Merbler added some of the newer delegates to the list.
7. Congratulations to Albany Chapter Newsletter Team, Jil Hanifan, Anne Jung and Kelly Fitzpatrick for a great job in submitting our first Newsletter of the semester. A great job. Looking to have Kelly forward a copy of this newsletter to UUP headquarters.

Add-On

1. Release time for Merbler was approved. 40% from UUP Headquarters and 10% of the 40% from Albany Chapter from 9/1/10 to 8/31/11. President's term is up 6/30/10, so there will be a period from 6/30 to 8/31/11 which may leave a gap and this needs to be addressed. There will be three equal payments deducted from Chapter allocation checks throughout the year for the Chapter support of Candy's release time.
2. A letter was sent to Merbler regarding Audits on Release Time from UUP Headquarters. An outline was received by Merbler detailing all the duties and responsibilities of Chapter President for the period 9/1-8/31/10. Issues addressed are expenditures, four Chapter Meetings a year, Monthly Labor/Management Meetings (except July), Ethics Policies, newsletter, website, reporting activities the 1st of every month, new recruits, Outreach, Negotiations, among other duties spelled out in detail in the letter.
3. Contract Negotiations Team – General Membership meeting with the Negotiations Team – 10/5/10, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm, Hall of Fame Room, SEFCU Arena. Participants must sign up to attend. Chief Negotiator Jamie Dangler, UUP Statewide Exec. Board Member and Cortland UUP Chapter President. Assoc. Chief Negotiator, Mike Smiles, UUP Statewide Exec. Board Member and Farmingdale UUP Chapter Exec. Board Member. Handouts.
4. Delegates raised question about Negotiations Team and representation from Albany Chapter.
 1. Romain moved that Albany be represented at the Negotiations Table on the Negotiations Team. Seconded by Collins. Discussions ensued regarding the Negotiation Team and Albany's representation. Questions raised as to possibly addressing Albany's representation and speaking to this at the DA in Buffalo. A suggestion was made to network at workshops and gatherings at the DA among other Chapter Delegates. Another suggestion is to draft a letter and have collective signatures from the Chapter to promote our representation in the Negotiations. A suggestion was raised about the possibility of a web site forum

for Chapter Survey. The Negotiation Process nevertheless will be long and very difficult.

Move for Executive Session, J Collins moved; J Wittner seconded

Vote out of Executive Meeting P. Abraham; J. Collins seconded

VP Academics – I. Steen absent as he is in Sweden

VP Professionals – Philippe Abraham

1. Abraham encourages participation to join Merbler in Outreach. Abraham has been very busy with many various member issues. There is an article from Abraham in the September newsletter - Please refer to article in the newsletter for other items.

Secretary - C Jewell absent. Minutes are currently up-to-date. N Keelen volunteered as Acting Secretary for Exec Meeting 9/22/10.

PT Concerns – Absent – no report

Treasurer – A. Olin

1. Submitted financial report and issued handouts. 1st page is the Chapter Expenditure report. 2nd page is Table of Spending by Category, UUP Chapter expenses, 3rd page is partial monthly report. A job well done for first year of audit. Congratulations to Alison on her “new expectations”.

A. Standing Committee

1. Solidarity: L. Witter addresses the Holiday Inn Strike in Latham and encourages our support of them.
2. Defending Public Education – handouts on sessions for 9/29 Workshops “Schools Under Seige” , Standish Room 5-6:30; Workshop 2 – “Cost of War & the Struggle for Public Services” 7:30 – 9PM. 10/7 – Rally . Press Release was issued.

B. Ad Hoc

1. Peace and Justice – J. Collins promoted the Workshops and Rally for Defending Public Education. Workshops scheduled 9/29 and Rally scheduled for 10/7. This is the National Day of Advocacy/Action against

privatizing public education. Publicity should be promoted and a suggestion was made to post these flyers. D'Alessandro will facilitate having the flyers approved and posted.

Old Business - None

New Business

1. Thanks to T. Hoey for his valuable work in PERB and Bargaining Unit Work regarding UUP positions transferring to RF positions in other departments and Union jobs dissolution.
2. Congratulations to G. Petry for a great article in U/Albany Magazine and her article to Times Union. Congratulations also on her daughter's upcoming wedding.

There was a motion to adjourn by acclamation and the meeting adjourned at 1:49 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Keelen

Acting Secretary, UUP Albany Chapter