

**UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2010**

The meeting commenced at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees: P. Abraham, B. Benjamin, J. Bogan, J. Collins, M. Grosshandler, C. Jewell, N. Keelen, S. Knapp, D. LaComb, G. Landsman, A. Olin, G. Petry, M. Seidel, B. Shadrick, I. Steen, M. Knee, R. Vives, J. Hanifan, K. Thompson-LaPerle

Waive approval of minutes from 9/22/10 EC meeting: Olin moved, Collins seconded, the vote carried.

Keelen will make a donation to Making Strides for Breast Cancer in memory of Merbler's sister; this is in lieu of a G&W collection.

I. Reports

A. Officers

1. President—No report, Merbler is in Ohio, as her stepsister died this past weekend. Meeting to be run by Steen.

2. VP for Academics: Steen talked at length about the deactivation of the 5 departments and Project Renaissance. Much discussion, questions and answers. Steen, Hanifan, Petry, Seidel and Abraham met with about 30 people, including administrators from those departments last night. Collins asked how the union might help/respond to the concerns of other departments on campus. Hanifan is considering putting out a special, short, edition of The Forum around this, with some blurbs from faculty in some of the departments. Steen said NYSUT is going to write a piece about this, as well, and they will also do a photo shoot. Discussion about the letter from Bret (French Dept): language/text needs editing for brevity and accuracy before we (EKE) will endorse it; the petition (from Union) that the letter points to has inaccuracies, as well. We may add a button to UUP Statewide. Collins moved to support a resolution from the Exec Board of the Albany Chapter for a corrected version of the letter and then faxes to legislators via a button on the UUP Statewide website. Landsman seconded. Discussion. Petry will work with Bret on the language and then Seidel will look at the final draft before it is sent out. The vote carries! Hanifan moved to support a special edition of the newsletter around this important matter; Petry seconded. Seidel suggested that Merbler/Steen/Abraham write some essay/editorials, too. Collins: departments want to know where the union stands on this issue. The vote carries.

3. VP for Professionals: Abraham: Some professionals have gotten poor evaluations; some intent to get rid of them? Steen: We are watching carefully. Abraham: I will take an idea to Statewide Exec Board; he awaits the corrected letter.

4. Secretary: Jewell: the minutes are not up to date.

5. Treasurer: The report is in your packet. 2 pages. September 10. 11/17/10, in the Hall of Fame Room, General Membership meeting

6. Part-time Concerns Rep: Hanifan: Working with Project Renaissance folks (6)→history of their appointments.

- 7. Standing Committees:** EAP: Newsletter is out. Flu shot clinic is 11/4/10. 6 hour defensive driving class is 11/19/10, 1 class for full credit.
- B. Ad Hoc Committees: Peace & Justice:** Collins: 3 events: 2 workshops and a rally. Workshops went well. We had 200-300 people at the rally! Articles in the TU, TV media were there, as well. Going forward, we as exec board must take a position on the cuts, etc. Benjamin: a role we can play is to continue to remember/look at the bigger picture; watch out for the return of PHEEIA; relationship to privatization; SUNY funds; legislative fights coming up, etc. Collins: We are trying to work with other groups/unions on campus. Petry: the students were articulate in TV interviews and it was great to see them chanting in French! More discussion. Deb LaFond videotaped all of it. A blog may be created.
- II. **Old Business:** Seidel asked if anyone's received feedback from Negotiations meeting. Answer: No.
- III. **New Business:** Martin Coffey has announced his resignation as of around 1/2011.

There was a motion to adjourn by acclamation and the meeting adjourned at 1:38 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carol H. Jewell,
Secretary