

**UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2010**

Attendees: P. Abraham, B. Benjamin, J. Gendron, C. Jewell, S. Knapp, M. Knee, D. LaComb, C. Merbler, G. Petry, P. Romain, M. Seidel, I. Steen, R. Vives, L. Wittner, J. Hanifan, M. Grosshandler, S. D'Alessandro, J. Collins, T. Hoey, K. Thompson-LaPerle

The meeting commenced at 12:35 p.m.

Approval of minutes from 11/3/10 EC meeting: Romain moved, Knapp seconded, vote carries with two corrections: please remove Steen's parenthetical quote re: the State Education Commissioner. Also, in Item 3, change to "Abraham passed along the Chapter letter to Phil Smith." The 10/13/10 EC meeting minutes' approval was waived. Vote carried with 1 abstention. Waive approval of minutes from 10/13/10 EC meeting: Abraham moved, Collins seconded, vote carries.

I. Reports

A. Officers

1. President-Merbler went over her report.
1. I believe in you every day; many hands make light work for the Chapter.
2. Merbler said she is trying to catch up with editing the minutes.
3. Merbler said "the unexpected is to be expected" when it comes to what might happen with the NYS budget.
4. Merbler said "something" may be going on at Buffalo, with regard to possible suspension of programs. Collins saw an email from a faculty member at Geneseo who said Geneseo did the "suspensions" the same way Albany did.
5. Merbler cannot thank you enough for your donations at the General Membership meeting! We raised a record collection of \$230, for the Regional food bank!
6. RE: the Chapter Departmental Reps meeting: I'm sorry for not giving you more advance notice. Collins said the School of Education has "hitlists" for ERAP; he will forward the email to Merbler. Tell Merbler or other Officers *as soon* as you hear things such as these. We don't have department reps in every department!
7. Get folks involved [in Union work]. If people are complaining, bring them along.
8. I will send a blast email on the letter to legislators as soon as it is posted to the website.

Add-ons

1. "Hawaii Show"—article in Times Union. Merbler, "All of the Officers of UUP are Trustees of the Benefit Trust Fund and are required to attend this meeting every year." Ed and Rowena are **required** to go;

other officers also serve as Trustees; if you want to know, email Phil Smith directly. Discussion. Merbler: Keep Fred Floss in your prayers; his mother is ill.

2. James Wessman passed away last week; a moment of silence. Former delegate and Treasurer, died Thursday, of cancer. Funeral was Sunday at Buddhist temple. Public service to be held in future. Abraham will get info to us; condolences to: 222 Tampa Ave., Albany, NY 12208. Contributions to the temple (Collins will move \$ from Good & Welfare under "New Business.").
3. Please remember to respond to Kelly for luncheon meeting arrangements so she gets enough lunch tickets.

2. **VP for Academics:** Steen: Thank you again for service award; applause!

3. **VP for Professionals:** Abraham: I continue to work with folks having difficulties. Hoey asked a Senate question. Brief discussion.

4. **Secretary:** Jewell: Minutes are up to date on my end except for last week's General Membership meeting notes. Applause for the Secretary. Merbler: I have 3 more sets coming at next meeting!

5. **Treasurer:** The report is in your packet. The Treasurer is in Buffalo.

6. **Part-time Concerns Rep:** Hanifan: 10 PT term non-renewals from Arts & Sciences. People are being non-renewed in favor of temporary appointments, completely against the spirit of the guidelines of appointment of PT faculty. Merbler: We **will** be investigating these cases. More erosion of the Humanities! We will have Management go to Department Chairs.

7. Next Officer's meeting is 12/3/10 at noon!

B. Standing Committees:

1. Solidarity: Wittner: from the Solidarity Committee of the Capital District, a letter, 11/17/10, requesting, for Local 471, Holiday Inn workers, a donation to a holiday fund for those workers and their families..." Wittner proposes that our Chapter make a donation of \$100. Romain seconded. Discussion. Wittner will email the letter to us individually. Merbler: I suggest we contact UUP Statewide before we donate, because of the \$1,000 limit of the new regulation. Merbler is willing to send this as a blast email to the Chapter Membership. The vote carried.

2. The Forum—Hanifan says we cannot have a 3rd issue out this semester. On of the people non-renewed was one of the editors!

C. Ad Hoc Committees:

1. Peace & Justice: Collins proposed a resolution concerning the deactivation of the 5 programs. Seconded by Wittner. Discussion. Hanifan: As a friendly amendment, include Project Renaissance in the resolution; we represent *members*, not programs. More discussion. Merbler has concerns with some of the language of the resolution. The vote carries.

II. **Old Business:** None.

III. **New Business:** None.

There was a motion to adjourn by acclamation and the meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carol H. Jewell,
Secretary