

UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2009

Attendees: C. Jewell, C. Merbler, I. Steen, P. Abraham, M. Seidel, N. Keelen, M. Knee, G. Petry, A. Olin, J. Collins, L. Wittner, S. Kudzin, T. Hoey, J. Gendron, B. Shadrick, J. Hanifan, S. Knapp, F. Jaquez, M. Grosshandler, P. Romain, L. Bickmore, J. Uppal, K. Thompson-LaPerle

The meeting commenced at 12:20 pm.

- I. Approval of minutes from 10/14/09 Executive Committee Meeting:
Wittner moved, Steen seconded and the vote carried with one abstention due to the person being elsewhere.

- II. Reports
 - A. **Officers**
 1. **President**
 1. Merbler said the Strategic Planning Committee had been formed and would begin work on 12/4/09.
 2. Merbler briefly spoke about the local election.
 3. Merbler, Steen and Abraham attended the Chapter President's and Vice President's portion of the Leadership Workshop sessions. Next year we won't have stimulus money! Merbler talked of President Philip's "permission slip" plan he submitted to the Chancellor. Merbler said 17 of us signed up for advocacy training and 12 showed up. Please go down for ½ days to the NYS Legislature, and tell your stories and UA's and SUNY's stories. More will go out on our Chapter website shortly: bulleted list with links, preceded by a blast email re: SA rally this Friday at noon. Kelly will give us "SUNY is the solution" signs. (See also #5 and #6.) We will be at the rally, especially 12-1. Guest speakers to start at noon. President Philip is passionate about this; he strongly supports getting students on this campus more politically aware and active!
 4. We have an ambitious agenda for the General Membership meeting! Applause for Nancy and Maureen who have already donated raffle items. Raffle tickets, fair trade speakers and items, statewide union speakers, personal email drive (for thumb drives), etc. Collins asked whether advocacy would be addressed at the meeting. Merbler reminded us that she did this at the recent University-wide faculty meeting. Brief discussion.
 5. and 6. (See #3.)
 7. Kudos to Hanifan for her work on Campus Equity Week!
 8. Welcome to Alison Olin! Introductions around the room.

8a. Merbler yielded the floor to Seidel. Peter Martineau has moved to a new job (K-12, charter schools, etc.). Martin Coffey is now Interim Director of Staff.

8b. Breast cancer funds: Keelen collected \$556 for the Making Strides Walk from the Chapter. Applause.

9. Hoey moved that we moved into Executive Session. Collins seconded and the vote carried, at 1:02 pm. Collins: Resolution: The Executive Board wishes to render a collective apology for the mistake of date in the procedure for booking rooms. We have been instructed in the correct procedure and will follow henceforth. Many members seconded this. Discussion. The vote carried. Hoey moved, Gendron seconded and the vote carried to come out of Executive Session, at 1:35 pm.

2. **VP for Academics:** The VP had to leave.
3. **VP for Professionals:** Abraham reported that he is hopping with issues with members, and meetings!
4. **Secretary:** The minutes are up not quite up to date. Working on *The Forum;*” will include Collins’ article on single payer healthcare, etc.
5. **Treasurer:** You have the report; we have money.
6. **PT Rep-**The PT Rep had to leave.

B. Standing Committees

1. Solidarity: Collins: Local 471 (the recognized local) info, gave more information about the Chartwells Labor dispute. Merbler yielded the chair to Abraham. We would like Wittner to keep us informed on this issue, while following all appropriate procedures. Discussion (reference email of 10/27/09 from Amada Lefton.). Abraham yielded the chair back to Merbler.

C. Ad Hoc Committees: None.

III. **Old Business:** None

IV. **New Business:** There were a few questions for Merbler on a variety of issues.

Motion to adjourn: everyone, and the meeting ended at 1:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol H. Jewell,
Secretary