

**UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2010**

Attendees: P. Abraham, S. D'Alessandro, M. Grosshandler, J. Hanifan, F. Jaquez, C. Jewell, N. Keelen, M. Knee, S. Kudzin, D. LaComb, C. Merbler, A. Olin, G. Petry, C. Quinn, P. Romain, R. See, M. Seidel, J. Uppal, R. Vives, L. Wittner, J. Collins, B. Shadrick, T. Hoey, J. Gendron, Nancy Lauricella (Guest), Jay Oddi (Guest), E. Weatherby (Guest), K. Thompson-LaPerle

The meeting commenced at 12:28 p.m.

Approval of minutes from 10/13/10; Olin moved, Uppal seconded, vote carried with one correction: Uppal WAS present that day. Waive approval of minutes from 11/22/10 EC meeting: Abraham moved, Romain seconded, vote carried.

We had some guests and we had intros all around. Merbler explained the significance of the Good & Welfare envelope.

I. Reports

A. Officers

President-Merbler went over her report.

1. Merbler thanked all of the delegates and officers for all their hard work and wished them a restful holiday intersession period. Get some rest and return energized!

2. Merbler regularly sends reminders to agency fee payers. Recent blast email to the membership yielded several more members. Remember to check your paystub!

3. There was excellent attendance at our recent Department Reps meeting. There were many questions, great interaction and information shared.

4. There will probably be more items on the Labor/Management Agenda; we already have 15 items on it!

5. Merbler hasn't yet heard from Chief of Staff Delio re: their upcoming meeting. Collins encourages all of us to urge Administration to work with UUP and be against PHEEIA. Petry added comments. Hoey said today's TU reports that Zimpher is again going to push for PHEEIA. Merbler describes her efforts to get UUP President Smith to talk to Chancellor Zimpher. Merbler will get back to us re: what she hears next (at tomorrow's meeting). More discussion. Individuals from this group can go to Save Our SUNY event, but the Albany UUP Chapter DOES NOT co-sponsor them, as they have given out incorrect information about the "deactivations," etc. Merbler will agree to a meeting with SOS leaders before the end of the semester. More discussion.

6. We received 56 full time academic, 5 part time academic and 69 full time professional responses to the chapter negotiations survey. Some

responses received from members may be answered in a “Do You Know” piece in *The Forum*.

7. Merbler will be out of the country from 1/5/11 through 1/12/11. She will arrange for one of the Vice Presidents to cover during her absence.

8. The rooming list deadline for the Winter 2011 Delegate Assembly is 1/14/11.

9. Please note that the UUP Albany Chapter office will be closed over the holiday recess and will not reopen until January 10th, 2011.

10. Merbler does not yet have set dates for spring meetings, but will send email and paper copies later.

2. **VP for Academics:** Steen: Absent, out of town.

3. **VP for Professionals:** Abraham: I am dealing with surveys, member issues; negotiations meeting with team and committee members is tomorrow.

4. **Secretary:** Jewell: I apologize but the minutes are not up to date.

5. **Treasurer:** The report is in your packet. Olin’s due date is 1/31/11. Applause and best wishes for Olin! Merbler authorized a payment of a \$47 bill with the following stipulations: I need to know in advance of the event AND go through the Chapter Office when ordering supplies. Discussion.

6. **Part-time Concerns Rep:** Hanifan: Have had some success with 2 PT term appointments who were non-renewed; their renewals are back in play. Meeting with a department member to discuss policies regarding PTimers. We, as a result, have our Newsletter editor back; applause. More discussion. Applause for Hanifan!

B. Standing Committees:

1. Solidarity: Wittner: Thank you for supporting the Holiday Inn resolution. Their struggle goes on. Seidel: NYSTI is now defunct, as of 12/31/10. She asks of the Solidarity Committee can help them; she will forward info to Wittner. Several EC members are going to the NYSTI show on Friday.
2. Social: Kudzin: Request a G&W donation of \$25 as a donation for the holiday raffle, item for UA Holiday Gala. Romain seconded, See thirded! Vote carries. (See under New Business.)
3. Discussion re: flu shot costs.

C. Ad Hoc Committees:

1. Peace & Justice: Collins gave background of Peace and Justice for our guests. Collins requests that we give \$150 to help with cost of copying leaflets for winter Commencement. Hanifan seconded. Roman said SA

should fund this, as they have a huge budget. Collins said SA supports Philip's PHEEIA agenda. Merbler: After the fact=problem in auditing/comptrolling. Merbler wants a copy of the original receipt for *the stickers*; if she gets this, we can pay for the stickers. Collins will also send a copy of the flyer that was distributed at Commencement. Vote carries. More discussion.

II. **Old Business:** None.

III. **New Business:**

1. Seidel said State Ed has put out new evaluation procedures for athletics, due 1/15/11. Vives hasn't heard about this at all! Vives will ask Lee about it. UUP Central planning a grievance.
2. Leave donations? Ask Vives. Merbler will reach out to Denise Heiserman and then send info to Vives.

There was a motion to adjourn by acclamation and the meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol H. Jewell,
Secretary