

**UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2009**

Attendees: B. Benjamin, M. Grosshandler, T. Hoey, S. D'Alessandro, M. Knee, G. Petry, M. Seidel, J. Gendron, C. Merbler, P. Abraham, C. Jewell, J. Hanifan, J. Collins, L. Bickmore, L. Wittner, J. Bogan, A. Olin, K. Thompson-LaPerle

The meeting began at noon.

Abraham chaired the beginning of the meeting so that Workers United could give their presentation. Merbler took back the Chair duties at 12:30 pm.

- I. Approval of minutes from the November 4, 2009 and November 23, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting...
The 11/4/2009 minutes carried.
The 11/23/2009 minutes carried with one abstention.

- II. Reports
 - A. Officers
 1. President-Merbler announced that we have a new face with us today, EAP Rep., Janice Bogin. Welcome and Applause. The 2nd new EAP Rep is Chris Bischoff, who couldn't join us today. Merbler hopes Chris and Janice will be able to join us for more meetings in the spring.

 1. President Merbler wished us all Happy Holidays, and thanked all for all of their hard work over the past semester.
 2. Merbler reminded delegates to fill out the attendance forms for the February DA today.
 3. If you need to use the "Children's Hospitality Room" at the DA, please notify Mary Bergquist today.
 4. President Merbler informed us of the Chapter Office's Winter Intersession hours.
 5. President Merbler reminded us of the spring 2010 meetings dates.
 6. Please send ideas for other meeting themes or topics to the Officers.
 7. President Merbler said that the Albany Chapter Directory will be posted soon.
 8. Gifts for Patroon Room wait staff—see under New Business.
 9. Petry and Hanifan will join Merbler at the Legislative Information Day on Tuesday, January 26, 2010.

President Merbler answered some questions from an Executive Board member.

2. **Vice President for Academics**—Absent
3. **Vice President for Professionals**—Abraham had no formal report. He is meeting with members on different issues: notice to non-renew, out of title work, HR communication, etc. Merbler said, "The phone keeps ringing."
4. **Secretary**—The minutes are up to date. Merbler: I will work with Officers to get a deadline for 2 issues of *The Forum* in the spring. Brief discussion about better communication with our members; use of department reps, email, dept bulletin boards.

5. **Treasurer**—Report is attached. We received \$6310.70 transmittal from UUP Central this month; \$680 expenses for this month. Next meeting, I will have 2 reports, 1 in Quicken. Merbler thanked the Treasurer for her report.
6. **PT Concerns Rep**—As of 9/16/09, we have #s of PTimers and lecturers=376. Update to this will be interesting; non-renewals have gone out. At least 5 part-time term depts. From CAS are gone next semester. Hanifan to talk to PT Committee about graduate students' issues and academic problems: Union members or grad students? Secretary asked Hanifan to send her the information via email. More questions were asked and answered.

The regular meeting was suspended at 1 pm. Merbler relinquished the chair to Abraham. The Executive Board heard the presentation of Unite Here regarding the Chartwell's issue. Abraham yielded the chair back to Merbler at approximately 2 pm.

Merbler made several comments about/to add to Hanifan's report.

B. Standing Committees

1. Grievance—Seidel reported for Petry: pushing forward to third day of grievance, because the State wasn't prepared.
2. EAP—Janice said they are reviewing and updating the by-laws to ensure all workers on campus are represented on the EAP committee. Weight Watchers session has been extended; 1/12/10+ 12 weeks. Registration deadline is 1/4/10. Applause for Janice's first report.

C. Ad Hoc Committees—None

III. Old Business—None

IV. New Business

1. Collins moved to sufficiently fund #9 on the President's report, for modest gifts (no jewelry) for Patroon Room wait staff, to come from Good and Welfare. Wittner seconded and the vote carried.
2. Abraham, at 1:43 pm, took over chairing the meeting, so the Executive Board could discuss the presentations, and about (UUP's) possible involvement. Many sides and ideas were discussed. The committee decided to let the issue play out until legal determinations are made.
3. D'Alessandro said that University at Albany Police have been without a contract for 4 years! Seidel spoke briefly on this. Secretary asked Seidel to send email to her regarding this issue.

Motion to adjourn: All, at 2:06 pm. Happy Holidays!

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Jewell, Secretary