

UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2011

Attendees: P. Abraham, J. Collins, J. Gendron, M. Grosshandler, J. Hanifan, T. Hoey, F. Jaquez, C. Jewell, M. Knee, D. LaComb, G. Landsman, C. Merbler, A. Olin, G. Petry, P. Romain, M. Seidel, I. Steen, J. Uppal, L. Wittner, K. Thompson-LaPerle

The meeting commenced at 12:27 p.m.

Approval of minutes from 3/30/11 and 4/27/11 Executive Committee meetings:

3/30/11: Steen moved, Grosshandler seconded. Change “God N Welfare” to “Good N Welfare.” Vote carries, with one abstention.

4/27/11: Steen moved, Olin seconded. Vote carries, with three abstentions.

Abraham moved, Romain seconded, to change the order of the agenda, putting New Business before reports. The vote carried. Merbler left the room, handing the Chair to Steen.

Steen explained how the cost of Merbler’s release time is charged to the Chapter. Chapter need to support 10% of Merbler’s 40% release time costs. Monies deducted from Chapter allocation checks throughout the year. Romain moved and Abraham seconded. Collins said that for next year, the Chapter get a description of what this covers. Abraham can get this information for us from the UUP Statewide Executive Board, which establishes this. Seidel said it was in our packets a few meetings ago. Abraham will ask Kelly to look for it. Hoey asked when it starts? Olin said, “September.” Steen: We discuss it now because we are required to and application is due by June 10th along with minutes of this meeting. More discussion. Vote carried.

I. Reports

A. Officers

1. President-Merbler went over her report:

1. Another Academic year has ended; thank you for all your efforts!

2. Merbler will soon get a handout from yesterday’s campus forum. Management reached out to us at 11:30 am Monday, but there was no advance notice, so we did not get a pre-campus forum meeting with Management. I had to meet with a member, etc. LaComb said there might be a developer coming in (with regard to “modern construction methodologies”). Collins attended the forum, says Administration have already submitted the proposal; whole thing runs on tuition increases going through.

3. Thanks to all who attended the delegate assembly.

4. Applause for Petry’s letter to the Editor in the TU!

5. Congratulations to Petry as well for other letters sent.

6. Applause and thanks to Kelly, who put together the Chapter Basket for the DA.
7. Merbler announced her upcoming surgery, which is not her idea of fun. Details and dates are yet unknown.
8. Sign ups for statewide committee participation is now due. Must meet this weeks deadline for submission.
9. We will use rooms in the Campus Center for our summer meetings. We may have to cancel or have Collins or Abraham run meetings in Merbler's absence (due to her recuperation).

Add-ons

1. President Merbler thanked T. Hoey for recent work on behalf of the chapter.
2. Parking changes: Merbler, Jewell and Seidel went to a meeting on Monday. Merbler made some remarks about the changes. Brief discussion regarding handicapped parking.
3. Tuesday, May 24, 2011, is the final Advocacy Day for this Academic year; site where you can sign up to attend. Merbler will send link to Executive Committee and Department Reps.

2. **VP for Academics:** Steen: Very busy this semester; meetings, phone calls, emails with members. Publicize scholarships to grad students next time around; very few applicants this year. We have a good chance to win; our grad student is 1 of 2 finalists. Steen and Merbler met with faculty who are being bullied by another faculty member. Discussion. Hanifan proposed forming an ad hoc committee to encourage application to the undergrad and grad scholarship funds. Romain seconded, and the vote carried. Merbler: This is Steen's last report as a Chapter Officer; 22 years of service! We sang "Solidarity Forever." Applause. Card given to Steen. More applause!

3. **VP for Professionals:** Abraham: Thank you to Steen. Thank you to the Executive Committee for the card and reaching out to me. Thank you to Seidel, Petry, and Merbler for help with Professional issues in my absence. Professionals have also been bullied; we are dealing with this. Training is available for workplace violence prevention. Your department should call Lynn Shultis in HR, to set this up. It is a State mandate, but only if people request it. Brief discussion.

4. **Secretary:** Jewell: I owe you the Labor/Management minutes; otherwise I am up to date. Many thanks to the Secretary for her hard work.

5. **Treasurer:** The report is in your packet. We should receive the EAP bill soon.

6. Part-time Concerns Rep: Hanifan: “The Nation” article, “Faulty Towers: The Crisis in Higher Education;” Hanifan read from it (there’s a reference to UA in the article.). Please support 4 amendments to the UUP Statewide Constitution:

- a. Change the name of the PT Concerns Committee to Contingents Committee;
- b. Change charge of Committee to reflect contingent issues;
- c. Change PT Concerns Rep to Officer;
- d. Make 1 of seats (add 1 seat) on Executive Board be designated for contingent member.

Discussion. Hanifan will have something in writing for us by next month.

B. Standing Committees: None

C. Ad Hoc Committees:

1. Peace & Justice: Collins stepping down as Chair. Next year: educating about the war. “National priorities network.” Collins asked Ron Friedman to Chair. We will discuss this in July.

II. Old Business: None.

III. New Business: See above.

Merbler thanked us again and there was more applause for Steen.

There was a motion to adjourn by Merbler at 1:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol H. Jewell,
Secretary