

UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes August 3, 2009

The meeting commenced at 12:25 p.m.

Introductions around the room. Thank you and welcome!

- I. Waive approval of Executive Committee Meeting minutes from:
4/17/09, and 5/4/09: Abraham moved, Bickmore seconded, and the vote carried.

Approve the Executive Committee minutes of 6/10/09: Abraham moved, Bickmore seconded, and the vote carried.

II. Reports

A. Officers

1. President

1. We will have a lot of motions to get through at the beginning of the fall semester.
2. Input for the UUP Leadership Directory is due by Thursday! Today is the day to make any changes.
3. Merbler spoke of DAcommittee meeting times, chartering a bus or busses, etc., to Rochester. Committee meeting schedule is not finalized yet. Merbler will be out on vacation next week. She will ask for a Friday 6:30 am bus. There will also be a bus back to Albany.
4. Merbler is going to the Chapter Presidents meeting and then to a workshop for Membership Development Officers. Share ideas! (see report).
5. The Part-time/New Faculty orientation is scheduled for 8/27/09, at the Desmond. Only 12 or 13 new fulltime faculty. See under New Business.
6. We have received an extension for the submission of Calendar Year Leave requests until 9/1/09.
7. Are there any changes in your input for Chapter committee service? Vives: Affirmative Action; King: Health & Safety. Merbler: Good! Shadrick: Let me think. King: PT concerns. Merbler: I'll keep accepting names 'til the end of this meeting.
8. Applause for Romain, our new Chapter Treasurer!

Questions for the President

1. A member asked about work unit corrosion. Seidel: dealt with privately. Not in Labor/Management. Management is looking at options; Labor says Management MUST have a UUP-

represented person in that position, if they plan to hire new. 8/1
“deadline” is a timeline plan. If you hear any news, please tell
Seidel and Petry ASAP!

2. VP for Academics: absent.
3. VP for Professionals: Abraham congratulated Romain. We lead in having diversity at the Executive level in unions nationwide! Workshops coming up in fall '09, especially for permanent appointment and workplace violence (including bullying). Brief discussion.
4. Secretary: Jewell had no report today. Minutes are current.
5. Treasurer: More applause for Romain. Romain thanked Denise Hoecker for assisting with the report.
6. PT Concerns: Absent.

B. Standing Committee Reports

1. Solidarity: Wittner gave information about the Annual Labor Day Picnic at Ganser Smith Park in Menands: Noon-dusk. Wittner will send an email announcement about it, as well.

C. Ad Hoc Committees--None

III. Old Business—None

III. New Business

1. Funding for new faculty/pt faculty orientation: Abraham moved, Gendron seconded, discussion ensued. Abraham moved for option 3, the most economical option, Hoey seconded. Discussion. 3 dozen cookies@ approximately \$482. Vote taken. Friendly amendment offered by King→up to \$550. Still more discussion. Abraham withdrew his motion, as Romain and others prefer a more expensive option. Jewell directs the Body to the Labor/Management minutes of 7/6/09, item #3. Jewell read a portion aloud. King moved that we accept the middle option. Vives seconded. Discussion ensued. Then the vote was cast, and the vote carried! Seidel recommends that Petry attend. Merbler will verify room rental and cost.
2. Email minutes, pre-meeting, to save paper? Merbler: Ok. Also email documents handed out at meetings. Brief discussion. Merbler: Afraid people won't read minutes before the meeting. Motion by See to receive as much of packet beforehand, via email. Abraham said minutes should say “a member said” rather than “Name” said. Hoey made a friendly amendment that physical copies will be available. Kelly will send a query to members: whether we want via email or hard copies. Jewell

mentioned Tahoma 12, an accessible font. There was a vote taken, and it carried.

3. Bickmore may email about invitation to pool and BBQ, at the end of the month.

Wittner motioned to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol H. Jewell,
Secretary