

UUP Albany Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2010

Attendees: B. Benjamin, J. Collins, J. Gendron, M. Grosshandler, F. Jaquez, C. Jewell, Ekow King, S. Knapp, M. Knee, S. Kudzin, D. LaComb, C. Merbler, A. Olin, G. Petry, R. See, M. Seidel, I. Steen, J. Uppal, R. Vives, T. Hoey, S. D'Alessandro, J. Hanifan, K. Thompson-LaPerle

The meeting commenced at 12:30 p.m.

Waive approval of minutes from 6/16/2010 EC meeting: Collins moved, Vives seconded, the vote carried.

I. Reports

A. Officers

1. President

1. Budget passed last night! Mini-PHEEIA didn't come to the floor. They will work on it again in September.
2. Management hopes that 150-200 people will take the early retirement incentive. Merbler thinks fewer, and "there will still be retrenchments at UA, and program closures." BAG3 is looking at these.
3. Congrats to David Harrison, CSEA local President, who is retiring this month.
4. Thank you to Ivan in advance of his attending the Chapter President's meeting in Saratoga next week. Have fun!
5. Wittner was one of the recipients of the 2010 Nina Mitchell Award for Outstanding Service. Applause in absentia!
6. Some people may want to go to DC for the Labor march on October 2...stay tuned for more info on it and the DA.
7. New procedure for the UUP Leadership Directory: Merbler wants personal info from us if we choose NOT to have it printed in the Statewide Directory.
9. The Pre-DA luncheon is Tuesday, September 28th. Room # TBA.
10. We will have the General Membership meeting with the Negotiations Team. Merbler and all Chapter Presidents have been appointed to the Negotiations Committee. If you want to be on the UA UUP Ad Hoc Committee, see Merbler. We will also have a 2nd General Membership meeting, time and place TBA. King moved, Hanifan seconded, to fund the Hall of Fame Room Charge (\$107.00 for 2 hours @ \$50.00 per hour + 7% Parking Fee).. The vote carried.
12. There will be an event for our retirees, not run by the Albany Chapter. Attendees will have to pay out of pocket for this.

Questions for the President

1. Vives noted that the Danes Den has music which cannot be turned off. Normally a low volume – let's see how it works.

2. **VP for Academics:** No report. Discussion between Steen and Hoey re: Breslin's support of PHEEIA.
3. **VP for Professionals:** Abraham was on vacation.
4. **Secretary:** Jewell: As you know, the minutes are late. That's my report.
5. **Treasurer:** You have 3 documents today: June 2010, July 2010 and Transaction History Report 2, by category. 2nd Quarterly report was returned without exceptions; applause for Olin.
6. **Part-time Concerns Rep:** Hanifan: She is going to Quebec next week for Coalition for Contingent Academic Labor Conference. Please send her your ideas for the Newsletter: take responsibility for your ideas! Don't ask *us* to write your articles. She will send reminders. Deadline for the 9/17 publication is 9/9. Also, changes in Medicare info will go into the Newsletter. Brief discussion. It may go up on the web as a PDF.

B. **Standing Committees:** None

C. **Ad Hoc Committees:** None

II. **Old Business:** None

III. **New Business**

1. Peace and Justice and Solidarity are planning a Day of Action (events and activities) on several different topics. Their next planning meeting is 8/11/10 at 4 pm, at Uncommon Grounds. There will be 2 teach-ins on 9/29: from 5-6:30, one on Higher Education cuts and 7:30-9 on the Afghan War, the week before the Day of Action (10/7). Jewell asked Collins to send her the info he just spoke about and he said yes. We need funding for rooms and microphones. Rooms only cost if we want to provide refreshments. Kelly said the Podium + a microphone are free. Specialty mics cost more. Collins wants an allocation of no more than \$500. Merbler: We could bring in our own water, since we don't buy Coke products, including Dasani. . Seconded by Benjamin and King. Olin: Great idea, will be agency-fee rebatable because not limited to UUP members. The vote carries.
2. Collins introduced a resolution. Discussion. Much work was done on the wording of the resolution. Olin and Benjamin seconded, and the vote carried.

Hoey moved to adjourn, Gendron seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol H. Jewell,
Secretary