

MINUTES
UUP Binghamton Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2017
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
UW 324

Present: R. Andrews, S. Atav, V. Carnegie, B. Cornick, F. Goldman, J. Goldman, B. Kilmarx, D. Kunkel, S. L'Hommedieu, D. Lewis, S. Massey, N. Pages, B. Roth, S. Ryan, R. Snyder, D. Stone, A. Wang

Guests: D. Wood, Labor Relations Specialist, E. Colon, G. Jackson, T. Mollen, T. Rivera

The meeting was called to order at 11:44 a.m. President Benita Roth welcomed Executive Board members and guests to the April 2017 meeting.

- 1. Vote to approve Minutes from Executive Board Meeting, February 15, 2015. See attached. Note that the March Executive Board Meeting was cancelled because of weather.**

Donald Kunkel **MOVED TO APPROVE** the February 15, 2017, Executive Board Minutes. **SECONDED** by Fran Goldman. **MOTION PASSED WITHOUT DISSENT.**

- 2. Passing the Hat for the Sunshine Fund:**

The Sunshine Fund was set up to use for purposes that would not be covered by the Chapter Allocation, such as get well gifts and retirement gifts. The Executive Board has been passing the hat for the last three years. It is voluntary and up to members if they want to contribute or not. \$28.00 was collected at the April 2017 meeting.

- 3. Treasurer's report: Chapter Treasurer Joe Goldman. See attached report(s).**

Treasurer Joseph Goldman reviewed the March 2017 Treasurer's Report noting the Chapter paid more for the 2017 "Beat the Winter Blues" event than it had paid for in 2016. As more members RSVP'd to attend in 2017, it was necessary to order more food. Donald Kunkel **MOVED TO APPROVE** the March 2017 Treasurer's Report. **SECONDED** by Neil Christian Pages. **MOTION PASSED WITHOUT DISSENT.**

- 4. Report of the Vice-President, Professionals.**

Vice President for Professionals, Fran Goldman reported that she and Darryl Wood presented a Workshop on permanency for professionals on March 30. A panel consisting of Donald Kunkel, Lisa Wolf, and Suzanne Howell participated. Approximately 35-40 people attended, with good dialogue and questions. Fran added that she has been meeting with a number of professional employees.

- 5. Report of the Vice-President, Academics.**

Interim Vice President for Academics, Serdar Atav reported that it has been quiet on his end as Benita Roth has assisted him in meeting with faculty members. He feels the

relationship between the chapter UUP and President Stenger has improved under her leadership.

6. Newsletter/Communications Committee – Lori Fuller, Mac Gunter. We (Lori, Mac, Benita) met to discuss a timeline for publication and other matters.

In the absence of Lori Fuller and Mac Gunter, Serdar Atav reported that the spring 2017 newsletter will soon be going to print. Benita anticipates the circulation to be the first or second week in May. Benita thanked Donald Kunkel for all of his work as Chapter Webmaster. Don requested that electronic copies of the newsletters be sent to him for posting.

7. Vote on Chapter Release Report (from Benita, outgoing president) and Chapter Release Request (from Sean, incoming president): Per UUP Statewide instructions, we have to vote on both of these, that is, approve them or not. Please read them before the meeting.

Benita announced that Executive Board members are required to vote on her Chapter Release Report, as current UUP Chapter President and Sean Massey's Chapter Release Request, as incoming UUP Chapter President. She explained that these are reviewed and approved by a UUP Statewide committee and that some smaller chapters do not receive release funds. The Binghamton Chapter is responsible for the first 10%. Sean Massey briefly discussed his release request, initiatives, and goals. Serdar Atav asked Benita Roth to leave the room for an official vote. Serdar asked for any comments regarding the Report. An Executive Board Member **MOVED TO APPROVE** the Chapter Release Report submitted by Benita Roth. **SECONDED** by David Stone. **MOTIONED PASSED WITHOUT DISSENT**. Sean Massey asked Benita Roth to return to the meeting room as he left for an official vote on his Chapter Release Request. Serdar Atav asked for any comments regarding the Request. An Executive Board Member **MOVED TO APPROVE** the Chapter Release Request submitted by Sean Massey. **SECONDED** by another Executive Board member. **MOTIONED PASSED WITHOUT DISSENT**. Sean Massey returned to the meeting. Each was unanimously approved.

8. Guest from Campus Pre-school: Tonya Rivera. Tonya would like to talk to us about SP4 RoadMap Proposal that would increase resources for the Campus Pre-school.

Benita Roth introduced Tonya Rivera. She explained that for the first time, the Campus Preschool was invited to submit a RoadMap Proposal. It has never been invited before because the Preschool is a separate nonprofit organization and reports to Auxiliary Services. Tonya explained that there is a critical need for daycare in the area. The 2015-16 Family Enrichment Network Community Assessment reports that Broome County is short a total of 5,235 slots to meet the present demand. There are 264 names currently on the Campus Preschool waiting list. Priority to attend goes first to students, then faculty and staff and finally to community members. Tonya stressed that she is speaking to the Executive Board in hopes of making people more aware of this enormous need. She also stated that some of the teachers who have been teaching at the Preschool for 30 years make \$18.00 an hour, and she would like to see more benefits offered to the teachers. Discussion followed regarding the need for adequate, affordable day care and the history of the Campus Preschool. When asked if she was requesting a letter of support or

endorsement from UUP, Tonya explained that she would be meeting with the Roadmap committee today and would know more after. Benita thanked Tonya and asked her to send any changes the committee might have to the original Roadmap Proposal, and she would circulate them to Executive Board members.

9. Guest from Indivisible Binghamton -- Tim Mollen. See <http://indivisiblebinghamton.com/> for more info.

Benita Roth introduced Tim Mollen. Tim thanked Executive Board members for inviting him. He explained how he got involved with *Indivisible Binghamton* and gave some history on the establishment of the organization. It has a public page on the web and in February it launched on Facebook. He explained some of the activities it is involved with, such as the request for President Trump to release his tax information, March for Science at Confluence Park on April 22, a role in health care, requests for Claudia Tenney to hold a town hall (which she has been promising for months), etc. The group holds monthly meetings, with the next one scheduled for May 6 at the Public Library in Endicott. Tim stressed that Executive Board members could be very successful spokespeople in the community and encouraged them to become involved. Benita thanked him for speaking.

10. CAP (Chapter Action Project) Report – Joe Goldman and Erik Colon. Any news?

Erik Colon reported that it is not too late for the chapter to participate in “Relay for Life” on campus April 28 or the “March of Dimes” on May 21. Susan Ryan suggested participating in the “Corporate Challenge” on June 8. Joe Goldman noted that because the chapter has a balance consisting of more than \$10,000, we would probably have to use our own funds first and then apply for CAP funding. Benita encouraged members to contact her if they would like to organize and receive funding for an event. The request will then go to the Executive Board for an email vote. We have the ability to help, but the request needs to be submitted.

11. Parking report: Bob Snyder, others?

Bob Snyder reported that construction of a 300 space parking lot to be located behind the West Gym will begin right after Commencement. The anticipated completion date is just before classes begin in Fall 2017. He added that Parking Services has begun ticketing vehicles with expired inspections and registrations. The fee is \$40 for tickets received on campus as opposed to \$100 for those received off campus. The campus tickets cannot be appealed. Donald Kunkel reported that another change planned by Parking Services is that only one registered vehicle can be on campus at the same time. Renee Andrews added that if a spouse or significant other plans to go to campus for lunch, they are advised to call Parking Services in advance. Don asked if these changes fall under the terms and conditions of employment. Darryl Wood explained that as members do not pay a parking fee but rather a registration fee this would not pertain. Benita stated the status quo must be maintained and spaces do not grow as we do. As spots are added, some could be eliminated. Donald Kunkel stated we should be asking Parking Services if they will be making money, which is different than asking if they are saving money. Benita agreed. Renee Andrews added that she is a member of the campus Safety Committee and is concerned about vehicles getting in and out of the new parking area, as

there is a crosswalk but no traffic light. Discussion followed about the changes proposed by Parking Services as well as the amount of video monitoring on campus. Benita suggested that Bob Snyder, as a member of the Parking Committee, Stuart L'Hommedieu, as a member of the Building Managers Committee, and Renee Andrews, as a member of the Safety Committee funnel information they obtain from these committees to UUP, Binghamton Chapter. Sedar Atav stated that these are areas Faculty Senate and UUP can work on together.

12. Issues and Concerns of the Executive Board

Due to lack of time, this item was not discussed, although concerns and issues were part of the discussion to this point.

13. President's Report -- due to lack of time, this report was not given orally at the end of the meeting per chapter custom.

a) Upcoming events: The Spring DA will be held Friday May 5 to Saturday May 6 at The Desmond in Albany, NY. This is the one where I buy the attendees a round. So come.

b) We had the rescheduled workshop for professionals on permanency for Thursday March 30. My understanding was that it was well attended and well received.

c) UUP Statewide is trying to get folks to come out to the Saturday, April 22 "March for Science." (<https://www.marchforscience.com/>). There will be a number of marches around the country, **including one in Binghamton**. UUP doesn't have the money to get people to DC (again), which IMHO is just as well. The Binghamton march will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the march starting at Confluence Park (google it - who knew it actually had a name?) and moving the short distance to MLK Park and Promenade. If you can come for all or part, this promises to be important and it will receive media coverage.

d) The March LM meeting notes are attached. It was a good meeting, actually. We will be following up next week on some of the issues that are ongoing -- see attached April agenda. If there are other issues you have, we can bring them up as "below the line" items.

e) Chapter elections: Results for the highly contested chapter elections will be posted on the UUP statewide (uupinfo.org) website by Friday, April 21. There is some discontent with how long it is taking to post results. The vote closed on April 12, so it does seem that it shouldn't take nearly 10 days to post.

f) Successful events: February saw the biggest attendance yet at "Beat the Blues" which was gratifying. The music, company, and food was sublime as always. We also had a very well attended General Membership Meeting on March 1 -- Tom Hoey came down from statewide UUP and polo shirts were distributed. There is beginning to be a bit more discussion at these things, which I think is a good sign.

g) The New York State Constitutional Convention (otherwise known as the Koch Brothers, last, best hope): UUP statewide is adamantly opposed to holding one, and has a fact sheet and other materials available at <http://uupinfo.org/legislation/pdf/ConCon4Web8x11.pdf> fact sheets on constitutional convention . The question of whether or not to hold such a convention has to be raised to the public every twenty years, and thus the question will be on the ballot in November. Some good materials on this issue are also available at the website of the NYS League of Women Voters at <http://www.lwvny.org/programs-studies/con-con-edu.html>.

h) If you want to thank anyone for their work with UUP, please let Linda know who you would like to invite to the May 10th "Thank You" lunch as soon as possible.

i) Lastly but not leastly, welcome back to Linda O'Branski, and wishing her a speedy and complete recovery.

Serdar Atav **MOVED TO ADJOURN. SECONDED** by Donald Kunkel. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

The next Executive Board Meeting will be the May Thank You Luncheon. It will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in U UW 324.