

UUP New Paltz Chapter

Executive Committee Minutes, October 28, 2009

LC06

Attending: Susan Bloom-Jones, Linda Smith, Heather Whalen-Smith, John Hain, Alan Dunefsky, Yvonne Aspengren, Beth Wilson, Larry Fialkow, Peter Brown, Susan Lehrer

Guests: Ed Hanley, Donna Flayhan

The minutes from September 23, 2009 were approved.

Officers' Report:

- President's Report: Richard Kelder was not present
- VP Academics: Peter Brown
 - He was disappointed that no adjunct issues were addressed at the AFT meeting. He perceived the AFT facilitator as not effective because of unfamiliarity with higher ed issues.
 - CEW: Table location may be a problem. Press release distributed.
 - Department Rep meeting had about 20 reps at the luncheon.
 - There have been questions about grievance procedures; need an article in the Bullhorn? Fialkow said he had written an article for the Bullhorn and would republish it.
 - Reps asked what "we" do at the local chapter level. Need to be more public.
 - Budget issues are getting worse. Poskanzer says we have no problem; we planned for additional budget cuts and will not eliminate jobs. CUNY protest of budget cuts was well attended although no one from New Paltz attended.
- VP Professionals: Linda Smith
 - Discussed email list and blogs.
 - Offered to host email list on campus; discussion indicated lack of trust of our administration. Will pursue UUP hosting the list.
 - Blog established; need someone to run. Ed Hanley volunteered.
 - Survey Monkey will be used for professional survey.
 - Aspengren will use for Adjunct survey, too.
 - Moved to pay for Survey Monkey use.
- VP Part-timers: Yvonne Aspengren
 - Removed request for a paid organizer. (Not allowed to hire anyone like that.)
 - Wants to change the name of her committee to "Contingent Faculty Concerns Committee" By law Article 14 needs to be changed.

- When looking at the by laws, Wilson noted that there is no mention of a “Part Time Concerns Committee.” Will contact UUP central.

- Treasurer: Alan Dunefsky
 - Distributed treasurer’s report.
 - Reported on audit requirements that included vouchers, receipts, CD statements, minutes, etc.

- Grievance Officer: Larry Fialkow
 - No new information, although there are ongoing issues.
 - There are no “formal” grievances.
 - Discussion: Need to get word out that we are effective and that Fialkow works as a facilitator. Need to contact UUP *before* it is too late. If we get the word out (again) maybe “they” will be more aware that “we” are here to offer support.

Old Business:

- Ten month plan: Bloom Jones, Kelder and Smith meeting with HR
 - Goal to get something in place soon.
 - Option will be available to Professionals. What about Librarians?

New Business:

- Department Reps. Asking for a list of fee payers for the departments they represent. This will allow them to follow through with their departments.
- Whalen Smith suggested using Meeting Wizard to schedule future Executive Committee meetings.
- Fialkow suggests approaching governance to discuss the function of the committee governing Promotion and Reappointment. Need to ask how they enforce minimum standards of fairness. Could we invite Simin to one of our Exec. Committee meetings or could Kelder attend a meeting of governance to address this issue?
- L. Smith mentioned that the AFT group in which she participated suggested that the Chapter President (Kelder) present a response to the President’s “State of the College” address. Perhaps at a subsequent meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50PM

Respectfully Submitted

Linda Smith