

UUP New Paltz Chapter – Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

11:00 pm February 15, 2012

Attendees:

Executive Committee: Peter Brown, Linda Smith, Shannon Roddy, Jerry Persaud, Richard Kelder, John Hain, Alan Dunefsky, Yvonne Aspengren, Beth Wilson, A.J. Williams-Meyers, Maryalice Citera, LRS William Capowski, Chapter Assistant Mary Thompson, Ed Hanley

Chapter members/guests: Abigail Robin

Proposed agenda adopted as amended. Minutes of the 020112 Executive Committee meeting approved as submitted.

Officers' Reports: (distributed via email before the meeting)

President Brown: briefly recapped his report. There were no questions.

VP Smith: provided an update on the recent problem with new employee orientation. Per Smith, HR Associate Director Jodi Papa stated that UUP is not normally invited to HR's orientations but rather to the larger Provost's orientation session in the Fall. Papa assured Smith that HR does pass UUP materials on to new employees during orientation and asked for any new or revised handouts that might be available. Brown asked Smith if she was coordinating efforts on the chapter's website. Smith stated she was not and would not, but offered to find someone who would. Brown then told Smith a member had raised a "working conditions" issue about problems with the JFT elevators. Smith, a member of the campus Health & Safety Committee, indicated no action by the union was needed; H&S was aware of the situation.

VP Miller: not present; nothing to report.

VP Felton: not present; nothing to report.

Treasurer Roddy: presented the proposed chapter budget for the committee's review. A motion was made to accept the proposed budget and submit it to the membership for approval at the 022912 chapter meeting. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Grievance Officer Rigolino: not present; nothing to report.

Secretary Hanley: nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Affirmative Action: Persaud noted that efforts to host a statewide Affirmative Action conference here at New Paltz continue. However, neither exact dates nor even a tentative timeframe for the conference have yet been determined.

Communications: noting that some UUP chapters outsource production of their publication(s) to local vendors, Brown asked the committee to consider that option - especially in light of our chapter's robust fiscal situation.

Community Outreach/Coalition Building: Brown informed all that this committee was scheduled to meet the following day (2/16).

Contingent Concerns: nothing to report.

Legislation/Political Action: no questions about McNitt's report. Brown observed that, despite an active slate of meetings with legislators in Albany, representatives from our chapter have still not met with them locally. Brown asked if Kelder (or anyone) would be willing to organize our local efforts if McNitt does not. Kelder said he would at least consider doing so if it became necessary, but declined to commit at this time.

Membership Development: Dunefsky informed all that a new membership campaign was in the works. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for 10:00am, Feb 23rd at Seattle's Best.

Women's Rights and Concerns: nothing to report.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Agenda Topics for Labor-Management meeting, 2-22-12: the following tentative topics were suggested by the committee: follow-up on union work as service to the college; clarify the chapter's role in the upcoming budget process; problems in the most recent DSI process; administration plans for online & international education programs; longer term contracts for adjuncts; status of adjunct workspaces

Planning for faculty forum in early April, focusing on workload, academic freedom, and contingency: Brown stated that feelers were out to two possible speakers and one of them, former AAUP General Secretary Gary Rhoades, had already expressed interest.

Workshops (Supervising UUP Employees, Part I & II) and other activities for spring semester: item will be discussed offline as the meeting had to be cut short due to time constraints.

Upcoming events:

Feb 22 Labor-Management meeting, 11:00am, HAB

Feb 29 Part-Time Labor-Management meeting, 11:00am, HAB

Feb 29 New Paltz Chapter meeting, Terrace Restaurant, Noon.

Mar 2-3 UUP New Leaders Workshop, Saratoga Springs, NY.

Mar 6 "Performance Management for Professionals" workshop, Noon, SUB

Mar 7 Department Representatives Luncheon, 12:15pm, CSB
Mar 9 Labor Management meeting, 3:30pm, HAB
Mar 14 Executive Committee meeting, 11:00am, JFT
Mar 28 Part-Time Labor-Management meeting, 11:00am, HAB
Mar 28 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30am, JFT
Apr 6 Labor-Management meeting, 2:00pm, HAB
Apr 11 Executive Committee meeting, 11:00am, JFT
Apr 20-21 UUP Spring Delegate Assembly, Albany, NY.
Apr 25 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30am, JFT
May 9 Executive Committee meeting, 11:00am, JFT
May 11 Part-Time Labor-Management meeting, 11:00am, HAB
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The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Hanley
Chapter Secretary