

**Executive Committee
Minutes
November 6, 2019
12:30-2:00 pm
1907 Room/B-125 Old Main**

Exec Cte members present: Beth Wilson, Glen McNitt, Spencer Salend, , Kevin Saunders, Donna Goodman, Gowri Parameswaran, Ed Felton, Melissa Rock, Nancy Cooney, Peter Brown, Amanda Merritt, Kiersten Green, Carol Rietsma, Doug Koop, Robyn Sheridan, Rachel Somerstein, Scott Minkoff. Also present: Mary Thompson.

1. Approval of proposed agenda

new business added: Sustainability Committee; Black Lives Matter at School. Approved as amended.

2. Approval of minutes from October 2, 2019

Merritt moved to approve.

Unanimously passed.

3. Treasurer's report

Unanimously approved.

4. Grievance Chair report

Bill is going to Albany to learn more about the adjunct health benefits availability grievances that are currently in process.

5. Membership Development Officer report

a. Membership Committee meeting, Nov 13

Ed Felton is co-chairing the membership committee. They will be discussing mapping and charting the campus at their meeting next week.

6. Recent issues with new member processing

The membership cards collected at the new f/t Academic orientation didn't make it into UUP HQ, which was discovered when one of these new members needed dental coverage. UUP Benefits Trust immediately took care of the member, and is making sure everyone is properly entered for their dental/vision benefits.

UUP New Paltz has established a new procedure: Moving forward, Mary will be keeping a log and she will be checking the membership list against the log to make sure everyone gets their insurance cards right away.

7. End of semester party scheduling

December 10 was picked at the DA when the New Paltz UUP executive committee members met. Garvan's has closed its pavilion for the season; other possible locations were suggested (Unison Arts, One Epic Place, etc.) Beth and Mary will investigate these options and report back.

Rachel suggested to have cookies and tea and hot chocolate at the Rally on December 11. Having an event to engage students was discussed, as part of the solidarity event with Albany. Beth will put out a call for volunteers to form a small committee to organize such an event.

Spencer Salend said he would send Mary a statement to append to our member event announcements regarding accessibility. He also said that his Disability Rights and Concerns Committee was making headway with the administration, reminding others on campus to include statements about the availability of accommodations at their events.

8. Campaign for 2019-20: FUND SUNY NOW

a. Legislative hearing, Monday, Oct. 28

Beth, Amanda and Fred Kowal were invited to the hearing to testify. The rally we held before drew about 75 people; several dozen were present at the start of the legislative hearing, which was noted by Toby Ann Stavisky, chair of the Senate Higher Ed Cte who was running the hearing.

b. Albany hearing Wednesday, Dec 11 – coordinated actions?

There will be a final hearing on December 11 at University of Albany, and we are trying to coordinate a rally or other solidarity action.

9. Contingent Concerns Cte.

a. Tabling for CEW report

Robyn, Beth, Ed Felton, and others did the tabling at the library, which engaged a number of students who were mostly unaware of the plight of adjuncts (and their low pay) on campus.

10. New business

Discussion of the Sustainability Committee (Carol) and Black Lives Matter at School (Kiersten) were briefly mentioned, but time ran out.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.