Executive Committee
Minutes

February 27, 2018
12:00 am – 1:30 pm
Wooster 3rd floor Conf. Room

In Attendance:
Peter Brown, Bill Capowski, Nancy Cooney, Frantz Folmer-Andersen, Gowri Parameswaran,
Donna Goodman, Doug Koop, Wayne Lempka, Colleen Lougen, Brian Obach, Stephen
Pampinella, Abigail Robin, Spencer Salend, Kevin Saunders, Carol Rietsma, Linda Suszczynski,
Mary Thompson, Beth Wilson

1. Approval of proposed agenda

2. Approval of minutes from January 31, 2018

3. Treasurer’s Report
Doug Koop was in attendance and gave his report. The ending balance of chapter funds as of 2/27/2018 was $7,771.61, which includes the chapter’s checking account $1,564.08 and savings CD $6,207.53. Doug explained the drop in balance from what was reported on 8/31/2016, $8,184.00, is due to release time and chapter expenses relating to increased member participation at more meetings. The UUP New Paltz Chapter FY17/18 Expenses, the Anticipated FY 17/18 Year-end Balance, and the 2018-19 Budget Request Form were distributed to the Executive Committee.

Kevin Saunders made a motion that the Executive Committee approve the 2018-19 Budget Request. The motion was seconded and all approved. The budget will be presented to the chapter for vote at the March 8th meeting (March 7th was rescheduled due to an impending storm)

Further discussion of the budget included requests for ideas on how to cut costs, especially with the telephones and fax machine in the chapter office.

4. President’s Report

A. Department reps meetings 2/14-15
   About 28 were in attendance for both days combined. Members were informed about contract negotiations and the upcoming 3/1/18 picket.

B. Negotiations update
   UUP is still working on structuring more on base money. There has been no meaningful response from governor’s office to SUNY’s proposals.
C. Fred Kowal called for action on all campuses. New Paltz is doing a picket in front of the HAB on 3/1/18 from 12 to 12:30.

D. Labor/Management – items for 3/6/18 agenda include:
   Parking
   Workload issues related to ADA compliance
   Deactivation(recessing) of Adolescence Education programs in French and Spanish
   Moonlighting restrictions
   New Paltz College budget

5. Grievance chair report
   Peter Brown was in attendance and informed the Executive Committee he is working with members on matters involving core hours vs. professional obligation, flex time and a flexible medical agreement administrative payroll issue.

6. Report of VP for Professionals
   Kevin Saunders was in attendance and shared a Professional workshop on Counseling and Discipline is scheduled for March 6 from 12 – 1:30 at Wooster hall, 3rd Floor. Kevin is trying to recruit more members for the Professional Concerns Committee. A Professional member has request to go before the Committee on Professional Evaluation, the committee is being formed and a chair needs to be identified.

7. Report of VP for Academics
   Gowri Parameswaran is on sabbatical, but was in attendance. A Getting to Tenure Workshop for faculty will be scheduled for early spring.

8. Report of VP for Contingents
   Beth spoke with Robyn Sheridan who is interested in filling in for VP for Contingent’s role. A lunch for adjuncts in tentatively scheduled for 3/15. Hopefully a Part-Time Labor Management meeting will be scheduled for the end of March.

9. Report of Officer for Retirees
   Glen McNitt was not present. Beth shared that a Retiree Luncheon funded by UUP Statewide is scheduled for Garvin’s 3/14 from 1 to 3 p.m.

10. Committee/activity updates

   A. Affirmative Action

   B. Disability Rights and Concerns
      Spencer Salend provided feedback on the discussion of Reasonable Accommodations during 2/21 Labor Management meeting.

   C. Legislative Outreach
      Two people from New Paltz will be attending the February 28 Higher Education
Lobby Day in Albany.
Stephen Pampinella is writing to Assembly member Kevin Cahill on behalf of New Paltz and Brian Obach has corresponded with Senator John Bonacic.

D. Women’s Rights and Concerns
Kiersten Greene was not present, but sent this message to the committee to be shared at the meeting:
Childcare at the first installment of the Whose Free Speech series last week was a hit! UUP got some excellent exposure, and parents that took part in the no-cost childcare (myself included) were thrilled by the option.

Unfortunately, the event we planned for 2/20 with Dr. Schotzko on sexual harassment in the academy was cancelled by the speaker. Therefore, the $375 we approved for that event will not be claimed.

11. Old Business

12. New Business
A. Request for Endorsement – March 14 event in response to Parkland
   A motion to endorse the anti-gun response to Parkland was made and second, all approved.

B. Beth asked if we want to think about endorsing any local candidates, or schedule a candidates discussion forum on campus.

13. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.