

UUP New Paltz Chapter Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

(Revised 3/17/2017)

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

12:00-1:30 pm

UUP Office/LC6A

In Attendance: Peter Brown, Bill Capowski, Ed Felton, Doug Koop, Mike Malloy, Amanda Merritt, Anne Roschelle, Spencer Salend, Kevin Saunders, Carol Rietsma, Linda Suszczynski, Mary Thompson, Beth Wilson

1. Approval of proposed agenda

Motion to adopt the proposed agenda for the meeting approved.

2. Approval of minutes from November 29, 2016

Motion to approve the minutes as amended with minor changes (typos) approved.

3. Introduction of Spring 2017 chapter interns

Interns were not present at meeting. Natalia and Taryn will be working on the newsletter this term.

4. VP for Academics

Anne Roschelle will be running a 'getting to tenure' program for academics. Gowri Parameswaran will be running for VP for Academics.

5. VP for Professionals

Two workshops are scheduled for spring term. On Wednesday, February 15, noon to 1 p.m. in CSB 110, Bill Capowski will present, Forums for Problem Solving.

A workshop entitled, Discipline and Counseling is scheduled for April 26 from noon to 1 p.m.

6. Treasurer's Report

Report with cash balance for February 8, 2017 was distributed. Balance is \$15,695.33.

We have received September 2016 allocation. There will be two more allocations this year.

7. Grievance Chair Report

A matter regarding a member charged with a serious issue was **settled prior to** arbitration; the member will be reinstated.

A member was repeatedly called to be a witness. UUP was told they have no right to represent in someone else's disciplinary matter. There are limits to what we can demand if the member is not under review.

8. A Chapter meetings is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Terrace. Our Statewide President Fred Kowal will be our guest speaker. It was agreed to postpone the lunch time chapter meeting scheduled for Friday February 24. We will reschedule to use this meeting to vote on the budget. The meeting was originally scheduled too early in the semester for a budget vote.

9. New Negotiations Bulletin for UUP Members Dated February 7, 2017 was distributed. The Executive Committee was advised to closely guard the hard copy, as it is not public information, the information is for UUP members only. It is also available on the UUP Website.

10. The Chapter Bylaws have been reviewed by Amanda Merritt and Wayne Lempka. There was discussion of the possibility to amend the bylaws to have a grievance officer for professionals and academics.

11. Joint Labor-Management Committee to review IDA applications
Representing UUP will be Rachel Rigolino, Josh Simons, Laura Dull

12. Labor Management Items

The next Labor Management meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 24 at 2:00 p.m.

Four Art Studio Instructional Tech positions were upgraded to full time equivalent. Question regarding the two remaining .5 IST positions

Librarian compression issues

13. Reports – HVALF holiday dinner; Women’s March, 1/21; Delegate Assembly/Saratoga

Kiersten Greene, Donna Goodman, Doug Koop, Abigail Robin attended the HVALF holiday dinner in Poughkeepsie.

100 members from our chapter participated in Women’s Marches in various cities on January 21 – Washington DC, Poughkeepsie, Woodstock, etc.

14. Upcoming Events

February 20, 2017 – Not My President’s Day Rally scheduled at Peace Park

A motion was made for UUP to endorse this event, the motion was second.

The NYSUT- RA Delegate paperwork must be received by the UUP office by Friday, February 15, 2017

Starving the Beast Video is available through our library, and may be shown whenever we like.

15. New Business

Spencer Salend made a motion that the Executive Committee establish SUNY-New UUP Paltz Disability Rights and Concerns Committee as a new standing committee. The Disability Rights and Concerns Committee would focus on ensuring the rights and enhancing the employment opportunities, health, safety, overall welfare and inclusion of SUNY New Paltz UUP academic and professional members with disabilities.

The motion was second and approved.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Suszczynski