

UUP Large Executive Board Meeting and Annual Chapter Budget Vote

February 18, 2015

Attendance: Karen Volkman, Susan Millett, Cheryl Datkun, Greg Withrow, Mila Su, Kevin Mundy, Dan Gordon, Wendy Gordon, Karin Killough, Bethanne DelGaudio, George Still, Samantha Bellinger, Rob Keever, Cathy Eldridge, Adrienne Wells, Richard Aberle, Catherine Kaleita, Kathy Briggs, Rohit Ramfal (*illegible on sign-in roster*)

1. Budget Discussion: Karen asked to have items 3 and 4 move to the top as Rob had to leave early from the meeting:
 - February 26, 2015 our budget request is due.
 - We will be deficient \$2,904 for the 2015-16 budget year.
 - We will have to ask for supplemental funds.

Overall, as a chapter we are conservative with our costs. A discussion ensued about what we should keep in the budget which makes us who we are as a union.

Wendy discussed the spring mixer. She asked if we want food or location for our money.

The Turtle, Meron's and the Pub were raised for discussion.

The Elks Club was also raised as a possible new location.

We have not gone to Meron's this year. It is close to campus and is cheaper than other places.

All agreed that we will go to Meron's for our spring mixer.

- Wendy – moved to approve budget as submitted.
- Rich seconded.
- All approved.

2. Release Time for Chapter President: Next item was 50% release time for PUUP President. Statement was read to approve this release time. PUUP chapter will cover the 10% of the 50% release time. (Gina see attached statement which needs to be in the official minutes). A motion to approve this release time for the incoming chapter president for the 2015-16 academic year was made by Kim Hartshorn and 2nd by Rob Keever and all approved.

Now back to the agenda as written:

3. Minutes from November 2014 UUP Large Executive Board meeting were approved by Rob and seconded by Samantha. All approved
4. Elections: Karen handed out form from UUP Central website of members running for office.

This Friday news articles are due so if anyone wishes to write a statement and submit a picture do so soon.

February 18 to the 20 ballots will be mailed to members.

March 18 ballots are due back to elections & credentials.

Wendy asked if we have enough members running for offices. Karen responded we could use more professionals and people can write in votes. George stated that Stephen Guenzi will do a write in vote as a professional delegate.

Dan Gordon wants to be a delegate so will need to do a write in vote.

5. The Governor's Agenda is rapidly evolving with various issues. He is pushing an anti public education agenda. Karen handed out the "North Country Fights Back and the Time is Now" handouts.

- Karen noted that Kyla Relaford and David Curry took a busload of students to Albany in support of EOP. They met with Janet Duprey and others about EOP issues.

- Karen noted that the budget increase is minimal and will not even cover inflation.

- Kathy Briggs discussed the issue of the proposed mandate that 100% of the student population must have experiential learning, which is tied to 10% of the budget, by December 15, 2015. UUP is working closely with NYSUT. On Saturday, February 28, the Cuomo bus tour will begin stopping at PHS at 10 AM. UUP President Fred Kowal will be on board along with Randi Weingarten, Tom Annapolis (sp?) and Karen McGee. Kathy is trying to bring T-shirts for us to wear on Saturday. The buttons were passed around that Cuomo had asked to be removed when NYSUT members met with him at a recent meeting in Albany. "Respect Public Education: It Works NYSUT."

- Kathy also raised the idea that the governor is pitting SUNY schools against each other. There is talk about reducing community college programs which are duplicative in nature, making students travel or relocate in order to obtain an associate degree, instead of being able to remain close to home. This will also affect transfers from 2 to 4 year IHE's.

6. Teacher Education Task Force: Wendy, George, and Bethanne are members of the Teacher Education Task Force. George made reference to the back page of the "Time is Now" handout. Education programs are at risk. The former commissioner refused to work with the group established to meet with him, not sure what the new commissioner will do. George stressed the importance of getting out in front of these attacks and remaining visible. "The Voice" publication is out now and Fred Kowal's article is excellent. Please read.

7. The National Adjunct Day will take place in the Alumni room on February 25 from 10 AM until 2 PM. From 11 to 1 there will be a public forum with 8-10 guest speakers (adjuncts telling their stories). Sue Welch sent Rich Aberle a list of adjuncts and the courses they teach. President Ettling has been very supportive of this effort. Rich reported there are between 700-800 courses a

year taught by adjuncts. Stick-ums displaying this information will be displayed showing what will happen if they stopped teaching. Rich invited the governor who politely said he was not available to attend. He also invited Schumer, Little, Gillibrand, and Elise Stefanik . Congress woman Elise Stefanic told him she would send a representative to the event. Richard asked us to encourage our students and colleagues to attend. This event is being honored across SUNY as well as nationally. Richard noted that over this past year adjunct hires went from 194 to 172.

8. George reported that the Leadership Academy is underway and will continue through March 5 on consecutive Friday's from the hours of 10 AM to 2 PM. This is a pilot project, so please attend.

- He is in process for planning the Professional's Annual Valcour Retreat.
- He will have one Professional's meeting this semester.
- If anyone needs professional development please let him know.

9. Kim discussed departments and chairs housing General Education courses. From his point of view things are getting tight. Chairs are being asked to make more and more decisions. They need to be reminded that they do not need to make these types of decisions. (I.e. who to let go)

- Kathy Briggs noted that no chair or PRG committee has the power to renew or non-renew. We must stick to the contract and policies as written. PRG's should be fair and objective. If a member cannot be fair and objective then h/she needs to step down from the review process. In her opinion, too many members are being skewered by their own colleagues. We need to follow the MOU as written.

A lengthy conversation ensued about the overall process of the PRG.

The meeting adjourned at 1:39 PM

Meeting notes taken by Bethanne DelGaudio due to Gina Doty's absence

Budget Release Time for Chapter President

The Plattsburgh Chapter voted during the February 18th, 2015 Membership Meeting to approve 50 % release time for incoming chapter president for the 2015-2016 academic year. The Plattsburgh Chapter agrees that the Plattsburgh Chapter will cover 10% of the approved release time using chapter funds.

	2013-14 Budget Request	2013-14 Expenses	2014-15 Budget Request	2014-15 Activity 9/1/14-1/16/15	2014-15 Projected Income/Expenses	2015-16 Budget Request
Start balance (includes \$9,23 in savings Account)	\$ 16,200	\$ 9,850	\$ 6,885	\$ 6,037	\$ 6,037	\$ 2,203.00
Income:						
Chapter Allocation 1 (November)	\$ 3,920	\$ 4,064	\$ 4,028	\$ 3,968	\$ 3,968	\$ 3,976
Chapter Allocation 2 (January)	\$ 2,920	\$ 3,028	\$ 3,028	\$ 3,028	\$ 3,028	\$ 2,976
Chapter Allocation 3 (April)	\$ 4,880	\$ 4,778	\$ 5,042		\$ 5,042	\$ 4,964
Other (NYSUT ads/reimbursements, etc)	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 115	\$ 115	
Total Income	\$ 11,720	\$ 11,970	\$ 12,098	\$ 4,083	\$ 12,153	\$ 11,916
Expenses:						
Member meetings	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,943	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,656	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,000
Chapter Assistant additional hours	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Exec Board Meetings (Professional Issues Committee)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,032	\$ 1,000	\$ 94	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Legislative	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250
Grievance Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Office (Includes telephone, postage and bank charges)	\$ 750	\$ 490	\$ 750	\$ 203	\$ 550	\$ 750
Printing	\$ 100	\$ 29	\$ 100	\$ 23	\$ 75	\$ 100
Newsletter (produced electronically)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Telephone (see office)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Postage (see office)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bank charges (see office)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Workshops	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,413	\$ 3,000	\$ 397	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Equipment/furniture	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Chapter release time support (deducted from allocations)	\$ 6,330	\$ 5,426	\$ 5,562	\$ 1,854	\$ 5,562	\$ 5,732
Other (10% chapter allocation)	\$ 1,172	\$ 448	\$ 1,209	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 1,191
Total Expenses	\$ 17,602	\$ 15,781	\$ 16,871	\$ 4,227	\$ 15,987	\$ 17,023
End balance	\$ 10,318	\$ 6,037	\$ 2,112	\$ 5,893	\$ 2,203	\$ (2,904)
Note: Shaded boxes have amounts provided by UUP				Current Balance		

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**United University Professions
2015 Chapter Elections Nomination List
40824 - Plattsburgh Chapter**

President and Delegate

VOLKMAN, KAREN E A

Vice President for Academics and Delegate

HARTSHORN, WALTER KIM A

Vice President for Professionals and Delegate

STILL, GEORGE R P

Secretary

DOWNNS, GERIANNE P P

Treasurer

KEEVER, ROBERT D A

Officer for Contingents

ABERLE, RICHARD E A

→ also a delegate

Academic Delegate

BENTLEY, PATRICIA W A

CURRY, DAVID G A

GORDON, WENDY M A

HARTSHORN, WALTER KIM A

SIMPSON, CHARLES R A

TOTH, MICHELLE M A

VOLKMAN, KAREN E A

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Professional Delegate

DEL GAUDIO, BETHANNE P

WELLS, ADRIENNE M P

ZINSER, DEBORAH A P

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**Academic At-Large Chapter Executive Board
Member**

CURRY, DAVID G A

**Professional At-Large Chapter Executive Board
Member**

ZINSER, DEBORAH A P

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11 all together