



Professional Issues Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2022

- Zoom based meeting with approximately 18 professional members in attendance along with Michelle Toth (UUP President) and Kathy Briggs Renadette (Labor Relations Specialist)
- Michelle:
 - Looking for Contingent and Membership Officers. Anyone interested should contact Michelle for more information.
 - Delegate Assembly this weekend in Albany (April 8 & 9)
 - Labor Management discussion from March 23rd meeting centered on Administrative searches. Minutes expected soon.
- Matt:
 - Negotiations process ongoing. There will be a vote on April 29 & 30 to finalize the Negotiations Team's strategy.
 - Matt encouraged members to visit the UUP state website members section and review Brett Benjamin's video with analysis and breakdown of member surveys.
 - Matt encouraged members to visit the newly established Faculty and Staff lounge (335 Feinberg).
 - Benefits 101 Webinar offered by Doreen Bango, Director of Member benefits on May 5th at noon or 6:00pm (<https://bit.ly/UUPMay5>) to register.
 - Pre-retirement workshops: Part I April 11th; Part II April 13th.
- Discussion:
 - Human Resources has approached UUP suggesting the elimination of the Annual Activity Reporting process for professionals. UUP leadership is reviewing the implication of changing this local agreement. Should this be agreed to, it would not take effect this year.
 - The preliminary plan to renovate and turn Redcay Hall into a new campus Welcome Center was a topic of considerable interest. Concerns were raised about a lack of transparency in this planning process and the considerable facility improvement needs elsewhere on campus. A suggestion was made to encourage leadership to conduct a campus wide town hall to further discuss the plan.
- Next Professional's meeting will be Thursday, May 5th @ noon. As always, feel free to reach out to Matt both informally or officially through the Intake Form process on our local website. Look for UUP news and updates through *UUP Connect* and *Friday Reminders* from Patricia Downs. Thanks for your support and for supporting your union.

Respectfully.