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UUP Binghamton Executive Board Meeting/
May Thank You Luncheon
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., U UW 324

Present: R. Andrews, S. Atav, V. Carnegie, B. Cornick, L. Fuller, L. Gallagher, J. Goldman, B. Kilmarx, D. Kunkel, S. L'Hommedieu, D. Lewis, M. Little, S. Massey, R. Pompei, B. Roth, S. Ryan, D. Stone

Guests: C. Bell, T. Blake, H. Borruso, G. Bobinski, E. Colon, T. Conklin, S. Geiger, M. Gunter, C. Ignarri, G. Jackson, O. Kenyon, C. Mead, A. Robinson-Perez, L. Seymour, S. Wozniak

The meeting was called to order at 11:50 a.m. President Benita Roth welcomed Executive Board members and invited guests to the May Executive Board Meeting/Thank You Luncheon.

- 1. Approval of Minutes: please see attached.**
Stuart L'Hommedieu **MOVED TO APPROVE** the April 19, 2017, Executive Board Minutes. **SECONDED** by Donald Kunkel. **MOTION PASSED WITHOUT DISSENT.**
- 2. Approval of Treasurer's report(s): please see attached.**
Treasurer Joseph Goldman reported that bills have been paid and there is a balance in the account. Sean Massey **MOVED TO APPROVE** the April, 2017 Treasurer's Report. **SECONDED** by Serdar Atav. **MOTION PASSED WITHOUT DISSENT.**
- 3. Report of the Vice President, Professionals**
Benita Roth reported that Vice President for Professionals, Fran Goldman is not feeling well and was unable to attend today's meeting.
- 4. Report of the Vice President, Academics**
Interim Vice President for Academics, Serdar Atav reported that we are cooperating with UUP Central to make sure that our UUP service is counted as campus service for tenure and promotion. It is important that this service be formally recognized.
- 5. Issues and Concerns of the Executive Board (and guests)**
Erik Colon announced the Binghamton UUP Chapter is sponsoring a water station at the March of Dimes Walk on May 21 at Otsiningo Park. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. and Erik is asking for volunteers to help staff the water station and hand out 250 water bottles purchased by the Chapter. The water station is scheduled to be located at the midway point. Erik and Joe Goldman are also working on scheduling other community outreach projects for the fall.

Lori Fuller asked if there was a target date for the new contract. Benita reported that at the Spring Delegate Assembly all Jamie Danger could say is, "we are in the thick of it." Apparently issues that should be clear are being dragged out and battled back and forth.

As many are aware, in New York State private sector workers are given paid family leave. Because the State of New York is public sector, the questions of paid family leave have to be negotiated. This is being talked about in negotiations. At this point, there is no target date set.

Bob Pompei announced there will be a formal election for the position of Retirement Officer, as neither Sandra Michael nor Bob self-nominated themselves for this position. Bob explained that he received a letter from Eileen Landy at Statewide saying that he received a write-in vote and asked if he would consent to a run-off election. Members will be receiving a ballot in the mail and Bob's name will appear on it. He would like to receive your votes.

6. **Brief report (per request) on the situation in Couper Union: please see attached documents and the following link:**
https://www.change.org/p/president-harvey-stenger-support-the-right-to-protest-and-dialogue-at-suny-binghamton?recruiter=36923594&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink

In response to a request from an Executive Board member to report on the situation in the Couper Administration Building, Benita gave the following summary: The announcement in Dateline Addition was for the most part factually correct. A copy of this statement was included with the May Executive Board Agenda. What is lacking is context. The students are demonstrating what appears to be a joint campus and Binghamton project. Three of these are graduate students in Sociology. The city of Binghamton like other places is using more and more passive surveillance for law enforcement gains. Binghamton University for instance is moving to a license plate reader, capturing people on campus and storing data on perfectly legal cars. The city of Binghamton has seven license plate readers, although it is not known how long they store these records. VSMRC is a committee responsible for reviewing and implementing video monitoring/surveillance on campus. There is no oversight with regards to that committee and actually no policy. There are no representatives from the Faculty Senate, The Professional Staff Senate, UUP or students. Students are also concerned about the blue light poles. Blue light poles will be put in student heavy residences with the idea that these communities will be safe and the areas without these poles will be unsafe. The blue light poles don't work or do anything in particular. They are not better than cell phones, and people ages 17-23 all have cell phones. There are programs available that can do emergency work. The blue light poles seem to be redundant and obsolete and are another example of the security theatre. They look like they are keeping us safe but actually don't really do anything. Students are at this point asking for more definitive answers. They are asking that more money be spent on mental health and counselors. Management has responded by moving offices from the Couper Administration Building to other areas on campus, which is affecting their work and their ability to complete their work. Benita added that she has given the Executive Board her viewpoint on the situation and provided documents from both sides. She would be happy to answer any questions, or Executive Board members can ask questions directly to the students who are occupying the building.

Serdar Atav reported that the students have also approached the Faculty Senate, and there was a meeting with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee yesterday. Susan Ryan was under the impression that the blue light poles was one of the ideas of the Roosevelt Group, and that the idea came from a student initiative. Benita stated that she is unclear if data regarding how effective blue lights are has been gathered by the Roosevelt Institute. The call boxes on campus go to the University Police. Call boxes in Binghamton would go to the Binghamton Police. It is unknown what the reaction is of the people who live in the neighborhoods where the blue light poles would be installed.

7. Thanks from the outgoing Chapter President and Welcome to New Officers.

Benita stated that she is stepping down as Chapter President after four years, and it was an education of a life time. She added that the University mostly functions. She thanked the following people who have made her life much easier:

- Donald Kunkel, our Chapter Webmaster.
- Lori Fuller, Beth Kilmarx, and Mac Gunter who work on the Newsletter. Lori Fuller and Mac Gunter have agreed to continue in this role. The Newsletter is really important for the chapter. If you have things to submit for the fall, please let Lori Fuller know. If you have things you'd like to see on the Chapter Website, these can be linked.
- Serdar Atav as Interim Vice President for Academics.
- Sean Massey in his new role as Chapter President. This is a tough position with a steep learning curve. Sean is up for the challenge.
- Beth Kilmarx as Officer for Contingents.
- Renee Andrews, who will begin the position as Officer for Contingents in June. Contingents are important to the University and more needs to be done to assist them in receiving longer-term contracts or tenure positions.
- Joe Goldman as Treasurer.
- Fran Goldman as Vice President for Academics. Fran has many years of service and institutional knowledge. Nothing escapes her.
- Bob Pompei as Retirement Officer.
- Darryl Wood our Labor Relations Officer who knows the contract. I also thanked him and Linda O'Branski in the Chapter Newsletter.
- Linda O'Branski our Chapter Assistant. Benita presented Linda O'Branski with a gift in appreciation of her service.

Serdar Atav presented Benita with a gift from the Executive Board in appreciation of her tenure. He described Benita as one of the "nastiest" (as in Donald Trump's characterization of Hillary Clinton) women he has ever met, and she is a nasty woman because she is a feminist. He added that she is articulate, brilliant, fearless, gutsy, and is not at all intimidated by others. Benita is also very compassionate. In addition to all of these qualities, she has become a role model to Serdar's niece. As an academic, she really wants to be like Benita. Benita has set a pretty high standard. Serdar explained to incoming Chapter President Sean Massey that he may have a tough job filling Benita's shoes. We wish Benita well going off to her sabbatical and her return as the Director of WGSS -- Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies. Benita will continue in her role as the

Vice President for Academics at UUP Binghamton. Serdar thanked Benita from UUP and beyond UUP, from our students the staff and faculty members at Binghamton University. Benita received a standing ovation from Executive Board Members and guests.

Sean Massey **MOVED TO ADJOURN. SECONDED** by David Stone. **MEETING ADJOURNED.**

The next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in UYW-324.