

UUP New Paltz Chapter – Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

12:30 pm February 1, 2012

Attendees:

Executive Committee: Peter Brown, Linda Smith, Jeff Miller, Ed Felton, Shannon Roddy, Rachel Rigolino, Glenn McNitt, Richard Kelder, John Hain, Alan Dunefsky, Donna Goodman, Beth Wilson, Maryalice Citera, LRS William Capowski, Chapter Assistant Mary Thompson, Ed Hanley

Chapter members/guests: none

Proposed agenda adopted as submitted. Minutes of the 121411 Executive Committee meeting approved as submitted.

Officers' Reports: (distributed via email before the meeting)

President Brown: announced that Rachel Rigolino will step down as managing editor of "The Bullhorn." Marcia Tucci has volunteered to replace her. McNitt asked what had happened to the planned joint mentoring effort with the Administration. Brown stated they had withdrawn their support and changed direction. VP Miller noted that they have left open the possibility of pursuing such a joint effort in the future. McNitt also asked the meaning of the term "double contingency." Brown and LRS Capowski explained. Kelder asked if double contingency has been encountered at other campuses. Capowski stated that he had not seen this anywhere else. Brown thanked VP Smith and the Individual Development Award committee for their hard work. Wilson asked if union service would be counted as service to the College. Per Brown, President Christian does not appear inclined to count it as such. Miller followed up by pointing out that Christian did appear to leave the door open on the issue.

VP Smith: McNitt asked if the union had been notified in advance about the recent new employee orientation. Smith indicated we had not received the usual notice and she would follow up to find out why.

VP Miller: asked the Provost for a list of new hires but had not yet received a response.

VP Felton: will have a very difficult time attending meetings this semester due to scheduling conflicts. He will work very closely with the Contingent Concerns Committee to ensure things stay on track.

Treasurer Roddy: no questions about her report.

Grievance Officer Rigolino: briefly recapped her report.

Secretary Hanley: nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Communications: In response to a question by Miller, Rigolino reminded everyone that the deadline for submissions for the next edition of “The Bullhorn” is February 15th.

Community Outreach/Coalition Building: no questions.

Contingent Concerns: nothing to report.

Legislation/Political Action: no report.

Membership Development: nothing to report.

Women’s Rights and Concerns: nothing to report.

Old Business:

Follow-up on Petition for Educational Quality, Fairness, and Equity: noting the administration’s response had been received at the last Labor-Management meeting, Brown asked for ideas on how to continue moving forward on the issue. A brief discussion followed. Goodman suggested that, in addition to petitions, there are many other forums where the issue can continue to be raised. Brown speculated that we might produce something targeted towards the parents of our students. Wilson suggested that March 31st - “Accepted Students Day” – might be a good time to reach out to that audience (parents). Roddy, Citera, Felton, and Kelder expressed some concern about attempting to do so during that particular event and urged caution. Felton suggested where create a leaflet explaining why the administration’s response was not considered adequate. Kelder observed that it might be possible to reframe the issue to capitalize on the larger discourse on economic inequality taking place these days.

Student Internship Pilot Program: per Brown, our proposal was discussed at the January 13th meeting of UUP’s Statewide Executive Board. Though they did not support pursuing the idea, neither did they prohibit it. Brown opined that we should proceed as planned and provide subsequent feedback to the Board. Kelder made a motion to adopt the proposal and establish the program. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Mentoring Program: as the proposed mentoring program is now on “hold” there was not further discussion of/action on this item.

New Business:

Invitees to Future Executive Committee Meetings: the committee had previously voted to extend invitations; no further action required.

Joining Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Business Association: though previous discussions on the matter had been tabled, Brown stated he still wished to pursue it. Suggesting that it’s “good to have a union voice at the table” Brown asked for

a motion to approve joining these organizations. Motion was seconded and passed with one abstention (Hanley).

Upcoming events:

Feb 22 Labor-Management Meeting

Feb 29 New Paltz Chapter meeting, Terrace Restaurant, Noon.

Mar2-3 UUP New Leaders Workshop, Saratoga Springs, NY.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Hanley
Chapter Secretary