

## **UUP New Paltz Chapter – Executive Committee Meeting Notes**

12:30pm April 25th, 2012

### **Attendees:**

*Executive Committee:* Peter Brown, Jeff Miller, Rachel Rigolino, Beth Wilson, Glenn McNitt, Richard Kelder, John Hain, Donna Goodman, LRS William Capowski, Chapter Assistant Mary Thompson, Ed Hanley

*Chapter members/guests:* none.

**No official business was transacted** as there were not enough Executive Committee members present to constitute a quorum. However, several items of general interest were informally discussed.

**President Brown:** noted that efforts to host a candidate’s forum here at SUNY New Paltz continue. The forum would be sponsored by the chapter but attendance would be open to all. Brown then presented one of the four UUP journalism awards garnered by “The Bullhorn” at the recent Delegate Assembly to managing editor Rigolino for her outstanding work on the publication. He also recognized and thanked several other Bullhorn contributors including VP Jeff Miller, Donna Goodman, and Secretary Hanley. On an administrative note, the next edition will likely appear in September.

**Contingent Concerns:** Wilson reminded everyone of the Part-Time Labor-Management meeting scheduled for the following week (May 2<sup>nd</sup>).

**Communications:** Rigolino complimented Brown on the excellent job he did with the layout and design of the most recent edition of “The Bullhorn.” Rigolino asked when the new chapter intern would start work. Brown stated she would start in the Fall. Besides working with chapter committees, she may also write articles for “The Bullhorn.” Brown also solicited additional ideas for gainfully employing our new intern.

**Hostile work environments:** Goodman informed Grievance Officer Rigolino that a UUP Statewide task force is looking into hostile work environment/workplace issues. The task force is currently seeking input from chapter Grievance Officers on this.

**Tier 6 Resolution:** noting that no online discussion of the resolution had occurred after the last Executive Committee meeting as proposed by Brown, McNitt again brought the matter up for consideration. After an extended discussion, it was decided to again table the measure until the Committee’s next (May 9<sup>th</sup>) meeting rather than conducting a vote on the resolution via email.

**Topics for 5/11/12 Labor-Management meeting:** the following tentative topics were suggested and discussed by the committee: administration’s position on Dean Schiffer’s recent absence policy statement; status of the administration’s workload task force; providing the administration with summaries of the discussions that took place at the Faculty Forum following Gary Rhoades’ talk; a department’s recent refusal to allow one of its member to act as the union’s departmental representative.

**Upcoming events:**

May 2 Part-Time Labor-Management meeting, 11:00am, HAB

May 9 Executive Committee meeting, 11:00am, JFT

May 9 End-of-Year Gathering, 4:30pm, Bacchus

May 11 Labor-Management meeting, 3:30pm, HAB

May 12 Strategic Planning Session, 9:30am, Mohonk Visitors Center

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Hanley  
Chapter Secretary