

Minutes: October 19, 2011

Attending: John Hain, A.J. Williams-Myers, Susan Lehrer, Glenn McNitt, Jeff Miller, Donna Goodman, Alan Dunefsky, Josh Simons, Rachel Rigolino, Richard Kelder, Bill Capowski, Linda Smith, Peter Brown, Mary Ann Fallek, Shannon Roddy, MaryAlice Citera

Agenda: The agenda was adopted unanimously

Minutes: The minutes of October 05, 2011 have three corrections. Paragraph 2 should read “set up” not “stand up.” On the last page, upcoming events have room changes Nov. 30 and Dec. 14 meet in LC06. Minutes approved with one abstention.

President Brown’s Report: Pres. Brown noted that he is spending most of his time and energy on being chapter President and thanked others for their help. He believes we are successful in getting more people involved in UUP activities as evidenced by the number of members who are participating in the committees.

VP Professionals Report: VP Smith added an item to her report: There are missing departments on the department rep. list. Brown requested that she work with Mary Thompson to set up visitation to all professional departments. Dunefsky noted that some (and Smith amended to many) departments are hostile to the UUP. Smith noted that she would work around the hostilities.

Fallek questioned whether an independent evaluation has been performed on those areas where moisture has been found. The discussion that followed noted that no outside, independent agency has been involved in the testing for moisture in the affected areas, specifically, the basement of Humanities. Simons, Miller, Brown, McNitt and Kelder continued the discussion about moisture and mold. Capowski and McNitt wonder if PESH should be notified.

VP Academics Report: ExecComm reviewed and commented on VP Miller’s report. McNitt expressed concern about work load monitoring. Miller indicated that we need data if / when the Administration reduces “other areas” from faculty assignments. Simons recommended gathering data, sharing with the executive committee without attaching names to the data. Capowski noted that the Campus President can increase the workload and recommended using our data judiciously. If the situation evolves into a PERB contest we will need to have about 5 years of data. Citera reminded everyone of the committee to study workload issues; this is not Pres. Christian’s workload issues task force. All data should be forwarded to Citera’s committee. Williams-Myers asked whether the workload for faculty was limited to a change in course load rather than a change from 18 credits to 20 which he and his department have experienced. McNitt indicated a preference for the executive committee to make recommendations about what to do with the data.

VP Contingent Faculty Report: VP Felton was not present; no questions about his report. Dunefsky distributed Campus Equity Week material and a sign-up sheet for Executive Committee members to table for CEW.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Roddy explained items and past-treasurer Dunefsky clarified the overage. Brown said we are saving money by not providing lunch at the executive committee meetings and noted that other chapters spend all of their money, including reserves. Those chapters ask for more funding from UUP headquarters. McNitt said most chapters do not spend down their reserves. McNitt pointed out areas of the budget that were low and areas where money was budgeted but not spent. Roddy explained some of the items covered under "Other." (Questioned about whether we are a "closed shop" Capowski replied that we are an agency shop and explained the difference.)

Communications Committee: Rigolino is working on the next Bullhorn and has scheduled a meeting for 10/28.

Community Outreach/Coalition Building Committee: Goodman said no meeting has been held but she is getting the information out.

Legislative/Political Action Committee: McNitt recommends meeting with local representatives after the election.

Women's rights & Concerns: No meeting yet.

Old Business: None

New Business: EAP requests \$200.00 for a workshop that will focus on dealing with stress. After discussion about what EAP is and the contents of the workshop it was moved and seconded that we provide the \$200.00. The motion passed with one abstention.

General discussion: Citera would like to have a drop-in social event. Pres. Brown pointed to the chapter outreach committee, and liked the suggestion that we distribute items such as hats, T-Shirts, bumper stickers, etc.

Meeting adjourned at Noon
Respectfully submitted
Linda Smith (acting Secretary)