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Regular meetings will be held to address concerns.

Several people have contacted us regarding the substance of the DeRussy memorandum. We were informed that she was recently on campus and that the President attempted to diffuse and defuse some of her concerns. There is also a scathing itemized rebuttal by Ed Sullivan, Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, which admonishes her "for causing harm to SUNY in a most irresponsible way."

FROM THE PRESIDENT A. W. (BILL) GODFREY

On September 7th, members of the Executive Board met with management to discuss a number of issues that we considered of utmost importance to our members. They included:

1. The change in criteria for permanent appointment
2. Criteria for non-renewals
3. Contracting out and subcontracting
4. Discretionary salary increase (merit money)

We stated that we were opposed to using that money for matching offers.

5. The parking situation

Although nothing was resolved, we believe that the meeting was a productive one and that our concerns were heard. They promised to get back to us in the very near future.

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The Legislative Breakfast on September 19th was successful. There were nearly 100 of our members present. Six legislators and seven legislative aides attended the Breakfast and were supportive of the mission of this University. Bill Scheuerman, the state-wide President of UPP, was also in attendance.

It seems likely that this year will be another bad year and it is important for us to be in touch with our legislators early and often.

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Michael Zweig in the Economics Department is a candidate for the Southold Town Board. We wish him the best of luck. You should also read his article in this month's Voice on the future of the union movement, "Labor at the Crossroads."

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You should be aware that at Downstate Medical Center the solution to the discretionary salary problem was to give everyone an increase of one percent which is essentially the pool that is available.

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A report received this month from the UUP Director of Occupational Safety and Health states that workplace safety is under siege because of relaxation of rules and laxity in enforcing them. It seems likely that because of a moratorium on regulations the following OSHA standards have not been adopted by the state:

1. Personal protective equipment
2. Hazardous waste and emergency response (technical amendments and appendices)
3. Asbestos standards changes

The full report is available at the UUP office.

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On several occasions we have raised questions about the management of the bookstore. We continue to receive complaints from students and faculty about its management and attitude. If this is a general feeling, please let us know.

Linda Angello who was Counsel for Senator Trunzo has just been appointed Director of the Governor's Office of Employee Relations. She is a Stony Brook graduate and has been responsive to our concerns.

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