



STONY BROOK WEST

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2008

Women's Studies Colloquium Center, Old Chemistry Bldg

Present: Dan Kinney (presiding), Marlene Brennan, Michael Zweig, Diane Bello, Linda Sandberg, Jason Torre, Paula De Pasquale, Charlie McAteer, Jim Hart, Jim McAsey (GSEU), Bill Godfrey, Warren Randall, Nick Koridis, Ed O'Connell, Sal Lentini, Troy Wolfskill, Arnold Wishnia, Lisa Willis, Corinne Burns, John Shackelford (recorder)

Absent Officers: John Schmidt, Pam Wolfskill, Gary Marker

Meeting called to order 12:09pm by Dan Kinney.

I. Approve Minutes of EB Meeting April 15, 2008

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2008. *(Randall/McAteer) Carried*

Arty Shertzer just returned from a Stony Brook Senate Meeting – SUNY made a proposal – reduce spending cap to 60 million. The President's meeting had no new developments. Gov. Paterson is in the hospital so we are no better off than we were last week. GA's and TA's are at risk. Keep those faxes going to the Governor.

II. Report of Vice President for Academics – Dan Kinney

- ◆ **Guest Speaker:** Ed O'Connell introduced **Bob Lenahan, Director, Department of Emergency Management**; former "Chief" in NYC.
 - Lenahan: "We are well ahead of the game, but there is still room for improvement." Bob offered an "Emergency Management" power point presentation.
 - The "shooter" incident in February 2008 was a great learning opportunity. Some of the confusion caused by text messages has been addressed.
 - Concern for campus safety after 5:00 PM was questioned. Emergency Management is aware and working on this. We now have Emergency Management personnel on campus 24/7.
- ◆ Reported on two workshops; April 17 – Intellectual Property Rights and April 23 Bullying in the Workplace.
- ◆ Senior Lecturer position is bogged down on governance. UUP should meet with CAS and College of Business. Arty offered to convene a group as an Independent.
 - Human Resources has stated that Peer Review is the same as Tenure. We are unable to find a law to support position. There is a Bill in the Courts in Minnesota and Ohio where Senior Lecturers will be granted tenure by the Courts. There is, however, a problem with the guidelines. Without Peer Review it

is the same as a DSI. There is great concern about this issue. Bill Godfrey is to get cases. Lisa Willis reported that UUP Central is very concerned about the erosion of Tenure.

- Concern was expressed that too many Adjuncts and Part-Timers do the same job year after year with no change in compensation.
- Human Resources agrees to all but does not do anything. We need to move as a group.
- ◆ By-Laws changes have been approved by the General Membership and a new officer position has been created. Motion to approve Pam Wolfskill as Membership Development Officer. *(McAteer/Zweig) Carried*
- ◆ SBU Budget – no new news. Dawn did a great job on the posters, please distribute.
- ◆ Individual Development Awards – funding was late. We will process two years.
- ◆ Phil Smith has reported no movement on the Pay Bill. Our raises are dependent on it and we believe it will be signed soon.
- ◆ **Guest: Jim McAsey, Statewide Organizing Director for GSEU/CWA Local 1104**
 - Wants GSEU and UUP to collaborate and focus on SBU and Statewide positions. TA's are being hit hard. GSEU is fighting for a contract right now and because of the timing the State is offering nothing. A suggestion was made to bring this up at the next Delegate Assembly.

III. Report of Vice President for Professionals – Arty Shertzer

- ◆ The past semester has seen many orientations and many programs. This has had an impact of the Treasurer... thank you Charlie. This summer the Professional Council will be planning more programs.

IV. Report of Part-Time Concerns Officer – Warren Randall

- ◆ Part Timers have a need to have an expectation of rules and governance and to be treated better.
- ◆ The Part Time Faculty Form from Human Resources states that if Part Timers are employed six consecutive months they must have an annual contract. We should consult with Lisa. (According to Troy) Statement of Required Assignments and Offer Form Part-Time Faculty (UUP/08) under Special Notes: "A term appointment is granted for longer than a year and to an individual appointed for 6 consecutive semesters and requires notice of non-renewal. Policies of the Board of Trustees, Article XI, Title F. §1 & 2."
- ◆ Full Timers have services, Part Timers are an after-thought. Why is UUP not doing more? We are an "all-hours" campus. We have classes until 10:00 PM but no real resources at night. Supervision is a problem at night. Even mailboxes had to be moved to accommodate staff.

V. Report of Treasurer – Charlie McAteer

- ◆ Petty Cash = \$149, Checking = \$2074, Savings = \$5798 for a total of \$8021

- ◆ Our supplement budget was approved so our allocation for next year will be approximately \$58,000.
- ◆ UUP would like to host a reception on June 4th for Bill Scheuerman as part of “How Class Works” Conference June 5 - 7. East Campus would be invited too.
 - Motion to allocate up to \$500 to host a reception from 5 -6 PM (shared with East Campus possibly). *(Zweig/McAteer) Carried.*
 - Richard Trumka, National Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL-CIO will have a banquet in his honor on Friday, June 6. Motion to subsidize a table (6-8 people) at the banquet for up to \$480 *(Zweig/Shertzer) Carried.*

VI. Committee Chair Reports

- ◆ **Labor Against the War – Mike Zweig** – Special appropriation for money for the Iraqi war was voted down. Our Congressmen, Israel and Bishop voted against it.
- ◆ **Political Action – Charlie McAteer** – 192 UUP Members attended Stony Brook Day in Albany this year; 92 were from our Chapter. Outreach is showing that it is working.

VII. Old Business

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IX. Adjournment