



STONY BROOK WEST

## Executive Board Meeting Minutes

**April 15, 2008**

**Women's Studies Colloquium Center, Old Chemistry Bldg**

**Present:** Warren Randall, Judith Wishnia, Willa Smith, Linda Sandberg, Diane Bello, Corinne Burns, Michael Zweig, Bushra Butt, Linda Crawford, Jason Torre, Tory Wolfskill, Joe Feliciano, Charles Wrigley, Dawn Svoboda-Pappas, Daniel Kinney, Charlie McAteer, Ed O'Connell, John Schmidt, Paula Di Pasquale, John Schmidt (presiding), David Ecker (recorder)

Meeting called to order 12:09pm .

Zwieg commented on minutes, "Thank you for announcement on Nina Mitchell Award Nomination".

### **1. Approved Minutes of EB Meeting 3/18/2008**

- Motion by Warren Randall to approve the Meeting Minutes of 3/18/2008. Seconded by Charlie McAteer.

### **2. Report of Chapter President – John Schmidt**

- General Membership Meeting – May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - Budget for next year and Bylaws need to be approved at this meeting.
- Pride Patrol – Friday April 18
  - 10am in UUP Office. Looking for Volunteers for Old Chem Building.
- Spring Delegate Assembly
  - Full contingent of Professionals we are looking for more Faculty.
  - Elections for VP for Academics, Treasurer and Executive Board.
  - These elections are contested. The UUP organization is in a transition period.
  - We have purchased a basket for the Link Scholarship at the Spring DA.
  - *Motion to purchase a basket for the Link Scholarship approx \$50 from chapter funds. Ecker/Wishnia*
  - *The motion has been withdrawn.* (Wishnia and Randall will fund the basket)
  - Motion revised – The chapter will support the purchase of a basket for the Link Scholarship, funds to be used will be at the President's discretion. Thanks to Wishnia and Randall.
- Campus Climate Action Plan
  - The chapter has the information. Please review and make recommendations that would serve the UUP Stony Brook core campus chapter. We encourage all to respond to the document.

- SUNY/Stony Brook Budget
  - General fund spending reduced by \$38.8 million.
  - Stony Brook share of the cut is \$5 million.
  - Discussion ensued
  - Budget base includes increases in salaries. Separate pay bill for the UUP contract. We have no information about when this will be paid.
  - State support for energy has been reduced.
    - \$2 Million added to Nursing
    - \$200,000 to Diversity office
    - \$250,000 research partnership with Stony Brook, Brookhaven and Cold Spring Harbor.
    - EOP restored, SBD center restored, Cornell Corporate restored.
- UUP Broadcast Email
  - We sent our 1<sup>st</sup> email about the budget.
  - Second email in the packet. We are investigating why this hasn't been sent out to the membership.
- Individual Development Awards
  - Advised about 07/08 IDA awards. John decided to roll out the IDA awards into next year's allocation to allow all members to participate in the 08/09 awards.
- NYSUT Subject Area Committee
  - NYSUT is looking for some representatives from UUP. Respond to John.
- Iraq War and LI economy
  - Workshop/Speech on Thursday at the IBEW in Hauppauge, NY. This comes from AFL-CIO/Labor Against the war. Very informative and describes the connection.
- Chapter Statistics
  - Enclosed in the packet.

### **3. Report of VP for Academics – Dan Kinney**

- Thursday – Program on Intellectual Property Rights.
  - Graduate Students can attend.
- Motion for a \$500 to reimburse the speaker for the Intellectual Property Program for travel expenses. We will go to UUP central for some cost sharing on this.
  - Feliciano second motion.
  - We feel that this money is already at Academic Council expenses.
  - Motion withdrawn
  - Item charged on Academic council. We will seek some reimbursement from UUP Central.
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – Frontpage discussion – on the book “The man who hated work but loved labor” Co-Sponsored by UUP
- Next Wednesday – Workplace Bullying Program – Steve Englebright attending.
  - We would like to get UUP on the website as a supporter of the bill.

- Kathy Sutherland – would like an Academic Council for East Campus chapter.
  - Possible Tenure workshop with East campus chapter.
- April 30<sup>th</sup> Last Academic council meeting.
  - Focus on Part Timers.

#### **4. Report of VP for Professionals – Arty Shertzter**

- Not present.

#### **5. Report of Part Time Concerns Officers – Warren Randall**

- Sending email out about feedback on Part Time issues
- Looking for feedback on Part Time issues.
- Lectures shouldn't be invited back for 5/6 years at the same salary
- Asking for a uniform salary for teaching a course.

#### **6. Report of Affirmative Action Officers – Jose Feliciano**

- End of March – Visit from Vice Provost of Diversity – Pedro Caban
- Meeting with Dr. Kenny, Provost, and others at Stony Brook.
- Held a productive meeting with Dr. Caban from members of East/West campus to describe the diversity and issues that happen on campus.
- Working to get a Statewide conference on diversity.

#### **7. Report of Chapter Treasurer – Charlie Mcateer**

- Petty Cash – \$214
- Checking – \$1458
- Savings – \$2644
- Total \$4316
- Laptop negotiations are in process with UUP central until we purchase a new laptop in September.
- Proposal to purchase a Data Projector for \$850 so we can do our own presentations.
- Motion to purchase Portable Data Projector for \$850 and an extra bulb. Brought up by Mcateer/DiPasquale second.
- John – Propose table the motion to another Executive Board, second by Wishnia.
- Proposal to have a lesson on using the Laptop and Projector.

#### **8. Committee Chair Report**

- **Communications – Dawn Scoboda-Pappas**
  - i. Newsletter is on the press. Run has been increased for Part Timers
  - ii. Deleted the old website.
- **Membership – Pam Wolfskill**
- **Political Action – Charlie McAteer**
  - i. East campus talk on Universal Health Care.

- **Social – Willa Smith**
  - i. BBQ planned in Wang Center for Opening of Fall semester – Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. University Café for the Holiday Party.
  - iii. Jack’s Waterfall for both events.
- **Labor Against the War – Mike Zweig**
- **Health & Safety – Ed O’Connell**
  - i. Presenter coming to campus.
  - ii. Connection with Donna Buehler
  - iii. Safety Survey mailed to members after commencement

9. Old Business

10. New Business

- Petition circulated from History, President has squandered money on pet projects and has starved the College of Arts and Sciences. Asking for a vote of Non Confidence. We would like to see the petition.

11. Adjournment - 1:27pm.