

UUP Chapter Meeting Notes

Wednesday, December 20, 2023, 5:10 PM: The O at 112, 112 Main Street, Otego, NY

By Bill Simons, Secretary

Attendees: Joe Baldwin, Arlene Benedict, Bill Benedict, Fran Bliven, Diane Carleton, Shirley Clark and guest, Rob Compton, Teresa DeSantis, Alison Dossick, Mark Ferrara, Savannah Ferrara, Carol Forman, Ed Forman, Barb Hein, Annmarie Hosnedl, Achim Koeddermann, Dave Lincoln, Laura Lincoln, Michael McAvoy, Janet Oberkircher, Oscar Oberkircher, Gina Pywar, Chris Sielaff, Bill Simons, Nancy Simons, Jiang Tan and guest, Ying Tang and husband, Dennis Turechek, Kristina Turechek, Loraine Tyler, Rich Tyler, and Gary Wickham & Marilyn

I. The Chapter meeting came to order at 5:10 PM. The meeting commenced at the midpoint of the UUP Oneonta end of semester gathering at the O.

II. Welcome: President Rob Compton

A. Rob thanked UUP members for their dedication and work, and he thanked guests for understanding the union time investment by members.

III. Discussion of Joint UUP-Management Survey of Local Medical/Dental Service and Housing

A. At the November 16, 2023, Labor-Management Meeting, Management and UUP appeared amendable to collaborating on a survey of accessibility of local medical/dental service and housing.

(i) The preceding impacts recruitment and retention of SUNY Oneonta employees as well as quality of life.

B. The consensus was that the prospect of a joint UUP-Management survey of local medical/dental service and housing was a positive prospect and should be pursued.

IV. The Chapter is following up with Management on RTP (Retention/Tenure/Promotion) Committee elections and SUNY Oneonta webpage information issues.

V. Under appendixes to the contract, State UUP and NYS may schedule negotiations concerning Lecturer positions. This might delay Labor-Management discussion of Lecturer issues on the campus level.

VI. Changes in the SUNY Management structure are taking place.

A. Management turnover impacts institutional memory.

VII. Work needs to be done to bring the rate of compliance up for Performance Programs for Professionals.

VIII. It is anticipated that the Chapter will commence the process of revising its bylaws or adopting new ones in the weeks ahead.

IX. Special Issue of Sentinel on the Future of Higher Education: Editor Bill Simons

A. A strong group of authors contributed articles.

B. Publication is anticipated in January 2024.

X. UUP Oneonta Spring 2024 Officer Changes

A. Rob will be on medical leave from SUNY Oneonta and the Chapter during the Spring 2024 semester

(i) Rob was thanked for his longtime dedication and outstanding service to UUP and received the Chapter's best wishes as he takes a necessary break.

B. Vice President for Professionals Shirley Clark will serve as Acting President during the Spring 2024 semester.

C. Shirley received expressions of support and thanks as she assumes her new role.

D. Shirley has begun the process of recruiting an Acting Vice President for the Spring 2024 semester.

XII. Special Events Coordinator Loraine Tyler was thanked for organizing today's event.

XII. The meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM, and the gathering resumed.