

Executive Board Meeting – November 6, 2024

President's Report

Campus Equity Week

At the Fall 2024 Delegate Assembly, the week of October 4th was officially designated as Campus Equity Week. This important week of action is dedicated to raising awareness about the challenges faced by both part-time and full-time contingent employees. It serves as a vital opportunity for our campus community—including faculty, staff, students, and administrators—to voice and amplify our concerns before the budget and legislative processes begin.

On October 22, 2024, the Oneonta UUP Chapter hosted an event specifically for all contingent employees at Oneonta UUP. We gathered in IRC 105 from 1:15 PM to 4:15 PM, where attendees enjoyed UUP swag, apple cider, and delicious apple cinnamon and blueberry fruit bars!

We were honored to welcome Darryl McGrath from Statewide UUP, who shared her compelling personal journey as a contingent employee and journalist at the University at Albany. Additionally, a representative from the Theatre Department joined us, providing further insight into the experiences of contingent staff. This gathering offered a fantastic opportunity to continue important conversations about the challenges and successes within our community.

This event was not only a celebration of our collective achievements but also a chance to engage directly with your UUP Chapter President. We encourage you to share your concerns and ideas as we prepare for the upcoming legislative process.

We have much to celebrate regarding the victories achieved in our recent contract for contingent employees. For too long, SUNY has underpaid and over-relied on our contingent workforce, and it is high time for change.

Join the conversation by using the hashtag #CampusEquityNow!

As we look ahead to next year, we plan to organize another event during Campus Equity Week. I encourage anyone with ideas for the event to reach out to me.