1) Chapter Elections

There will be new UUP chapter leaders as of June 1.

Officers

President:  Bill Canning  
Vice President for Academics:  Steve Abraham  
Vice President for Professionals:  Bill Schleinitz  
Secretary:  Greg Ketcham  
Treasurer:  Michelle Turner  
Officer for Contingents:  Charlie Itzin  
Officer for Retirees:  Larry Fuller

Positions to be appointed by new Executive Board:

Affirmative Action Officer  
Grievance Officer for Academics  
Grievance Officer for Professionals  
Membership Development Officer
Executive Board

Voting: Officers + Bruce Altschuler, Cindy Fuller, Chuck Spector, Steve Rosow, Mary Hess, Stephanie Pritchard, Graig Arcuri, Gabor Hardy, Grace Maxon, Jacob Gardner, Lakeisha Armstrong, Linda Paris, Justin Norman, and John Callan + the editor of newsletter, chairs of chapter standing committees, and Lori Nash (for one year as the immediate past president).

Nonvoting: members appointed to state-wide UUP committees.

Delegates to the Statewide Delegate Assembly

Academic Delegates: Steve Abraham, Bruce Altschuler, Cindy Fuller, Larry Fuller, Chuck Spector, Steve Rosow, Mary Hess, Stephanie Ackerman, Graig Arcuri, Gabor Hardy, Maureen Curtin, Ben Allocco, Chris Hirsch, Georgina Whittingham, Eve Benavides, Deborah Curry, John MacDonald, and Virginia Fichera

Professional Delegates: Bill Canning, Bill Schleinitz, Grace Maxon, Jacob Gardner, Lakeisha Armstrong, Michelle Turner, Linda Paris, Justin Norman, John Callan, Daniel Vandermark, and Doug Hemphill

We are currently permitted to send 10 Academic Delegates and 5 Professional Delegates to the Delegate Assembly.
2) **Retiring UUP Officer**

Winfield Ihlow, who works in the Office of Learning Support Services, is retiring after serving the union for over 20 years.

Winfield has served UUP in many ways.

In 1996/97, he began helping former Oswego Chapter President Greg Auleta with the Individual Development Award Program (IDAP).

Once Greg retired, Winfield became the IDAP liaison for the chapter, providing guidance and instruction to the IDAP committee.

Soon after becoming involved with IDAP, Winfield was elected as a professional delegate to the Statewide Delegate Assembly and also to the Oswego Chapter Executive Board.

Winfield has been an officer on Oswego Chapter’s Executive Board for close to 20 years, serving mostly as Secretary, but also for a term as Vice President for Professionals.

In addition to his work for the union, Winfield has served on Faculty Assembly for close to 20 years. He has been a representative since the late 1990s and also served as a Faculty Senate Alternate-Alternate.

Winfield is known and appreciated for his gentle spirit and his commitment to the ideals of unionism, in particular, the ideal of social justice.

Thank you, Winfield, for all that you have given to UUP and SUNY Oswego!
3) **Negotiations**

UUP continues to meet with the state.

Talks at this point are focusing on the financial piece of the contract.

Members should go to the *Members Only* section of the UUP website (uupinfo.org) for contract updates.

4) **Budget**

UUP Statewide President Fred Kowal has called the state budget “a “good first step” for public higher education.”

**Maintenance of Effort Language:** UUP is pleased that there is MOE language in the budget.

The Governor cannot submit a budget in future years that includes cuts to SUNY.

The current MOE language, though, does not cover contractual salary increases.

**Rational tuition increase:** UUP needed a commitment that the funds from the tuition increases would be used to hire full-time faculty and professional staff and the language that UUP proposed is in the budget.

Also, there is language that SUNY’s Chancellor must report publicly on the use of tuition dollars for hiring full-time faculty and professional staff.
**Governor’s Excelsior Scholarship Program:** UUP expected this program to pass and it did.

“Families and individuals making up to $125,000 per year will qualify to attend college tuition-free at all CUNY and SUNY two- and four-year colleges in New York State. The new program begins in the fall of 2017 and will be phased in over three years” (New York State website).

**SUNY Hospitals:** UUP was seeking more support for the SUNY hospitals than is in the budget.

**Equal Opportunity Programs:** Funding was restored. Unfortunately, the anticipated increase did not happen.

5) **UUP’s Post Budget Legislative Priorities**

**Foundation Transparency:** Increased transparency, oversight and accountability of SUNY Research Foundation, campus foundations and auxiliary corporations.

Ensure that these non-profit organizations are truly managing and spending their billions in the best interest of the universities, hospitals, and the communities they serve.

**Hospitals:** Fund fully federal disproportionate share (DSH) program match.
6) **New York State Ballot - November 7, 2017**

UUP is asking voters to vote “NO” on the following question:

**Question:** "Shall there be a convention to revise the constitution and amend the same?"

Article 19, §2 of New York State Constitution -This question must appear on ballot every 20 years.

A Constitutional Convention would become the vehicle to further the attacks on public education, unions and collective bargaining, pension security for retirees, and other basic rights and protections.

7) **March for Science**

There was a big turnout of Oswego Chapter members at the Syracuse March for Science. Maureen Curtin will be writing an article about it in the upcoming edition of *In Touch*, Oswego Chapter's newsletter.
8. **Membership Gathering**

UUP Oswego Chapter's 22nd Annual Membership Gathering has been booked.

**When:** Friday, September 1 from 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Fallbrook Lodge

This event is **FREE** for new faculty and professional staff.

Please be sure to attend and please be sure to tell your new hires about this family friendly event!

9. **Moving Away**

I will be moving to Denmark with my husband Brad Wray.

I have written a "goodbye piece" for the upcoming edition of *In Touch*. Please be sure to have a look at it when it comes out.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your chapter president.

Take care of each other.

In solidarity,

Lori