1) Chapter Leadership

Officers

President: Lori Nash
Vice President for Professionals: Bill Canning
Vice President for Academics: Maureen Curtin
Secretary: Winfield Ihlow
Treasurer: Ed Lonky
Officer for Contingents: Charlie Itzin
Affirmative Action Officer: Bonita Hampton
Grievance Officer for Professionals: Bill Canning
Grievance Officer for Academics: Jim Early
Membership Development Officer: Chuck Spector

Executive Board

Voting: Officers + Cindy Fuller, Larry Fuller, Steve Rosow, Steve Abraham, Bruce Altschuler, Deborah Curry, Christine Body, and Bill Schleinitz

Nonvoting: Ben Allocco, Lakeisha Armstrong, Barbara Beyerbach, Nichole Brown, Grace Maxon, and Don Vanouse

Delegates to the Statewide Delegate Assembly

Statewide Executive Board: Lori Nash

Academic Delegates: Maureen Curtin, Cindy Fuller, Larry Fuller, Steve Rosow, Ed Lonky, Charlie Itzin, Steve Abraham, Jim Early, Bruce Altschuler, Deborah Curry, Virginia Fichera, Chuck Spector, and Bennet Schaber

Professional Delegates: Bill Canning, Christine Body, Bill Schleinitz, and Winfield Ihlow

2) Elections

Nomination forms for the Spring 2017 Chapter Elections have been mailed to members’ homes. The forms are due on Wednesday, February 15.
There will be chapter elections for the following positions: President, Vice President for Professionals, Vice President for Academics, Secretary, Treasurer and Officer for Contingents, Academic Delegates, and Professional Delegates.

We are currently permitted to send 10 Academic Delegates and 5 Professional Delegates to the Delegate Assembly.

The following positions are appointed: Affirmative Action Officer, Grievance Officer for Professionals, Grievance Officer for Academics, Membership Development Officer.

The President nominates individuals for these positions and they take office upon approval of a majority vote of the Executive Board. Only UUP members are able to run for election, hold office, and vote in UUP elections.

Agency fee payers (those who pay fees rather than dues for the benefits and services that they receive from the union) are not able to run for office, hold office, or vote in elections.

3) **Contract Negotiations**

UUP’s is currently in the midst of contract negotiations with the State of New York. Some information about these negotiations has been posted on the UUP website for members. Only members are permitted to access the portal.

- Our most recent agreement between UUP and the State of New York ended on July 1, 2016.

- Because of the Triborough Amendment to the Taylor Law (the law that governs the relations between public sector unions and New York State), the terms and conditions of the July 2, 2011 – July 1, 2016 contract will continue until a new contract is negotiated.

Once a tentative agreement has been reached, the Negotiations Committee will vote on whether or not to send the tentative agreement to the UUP membership for ratification by a majority of those voting.

Members who want to help the Negotiations Team negotiate a fair contract with the state can demonstrate their support in a number of ways:
wear red on Fridays, post a "United for Fair Contract" sign or put a "United for a Fair Contract" bumper sticker on your car.

4) **Chapter Meeting and Teacher Education Meeting**

Wednesday, March 1

- 12:00 - 1:00 Teacher Education meeting
- 1:00 Lunch served
- 1:00 - 3:00 Chapter meeting

UUP Statewide Vice President for Academics Jamie Dangler will be our guest speaker.

**Teacher Education Meeting (12:00 - 1:00 pm)**
Jamie will be meeting with members of the School of Education to talk about teacher education issues.

**Chapter Meeting (1:00 - 3:00 pm)**
- Vote on chapter budget
- Jamie will do a presentation on UUP's concerns about a Constitutional Convention
- Q & A

Jamie is eager to answer your questions. She is currently working on a number of issues. Here are some of the key issues:

- **Constitutional Convention**
  **November 7, 2017 - New York State ballot**
  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.
  UUP says vote "No" on this question.

  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.

- **Online Education - Simulated Labs**
  SUNY has sought faculty feedback on Labster (www.labster.com)
  On April 7, SUNY's Faculty Advisory Council on Teaching and Technology (FACT2) will be hosting a symposium.
Jamie will be part of a panel and will present the concerns and questions that she has received from members.

- **College in the High School Programs**
  More and more courses are being taught in high schools for SUNY college course credit.
  Members have raised concerns. Is there the proper oversight?
  Jamie is seeking information from members with direct experience with these programs.

- **Intellectual Property/Copyright Issues**
  UUP has published *Copyright and Intellectual Property: Your Rights as a SUNY Employee* and it is available on the UUP website.

5) **UUP’s Legislative Priorities**

**General Funding:**
- $50 million to begin multiyear restoration of the Great Recession funding cuts.
- $30 million to begin multiyear program to fund up to 1,500 additional FT faculty.

**EOP/EOC/Attain:**
- Full restoration of funding
  - $5 million for EOP
  - $5.3 million for EOC
  - $2 million for Attain Labs
- Creation of *pilot opportunity programs* to encourage and educate students from economically disadvantaged communities to become NYS elementary and secondary teachers.

  NOTE: EOP/EOC Advocacy Day is on Wednesday, March 8.

**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:**
- Restoration of state hospital’s subsidy to historic level of $153 million annually
• Fund debt service and fringe benefits
• $600 million capital program for critical hospital maintenance
• Fund fully federal disproportionate share (DSH) program match

6) Joint Labor/Management Committees

• Individual Development Award Program (IDAP)
  The deadline for applications was February 3. The committee is currently reviewing applications. $25,122 will be awarded to projects and activities between July 2, 2016 – March 31, 2017.

• Professional Development Workshops:
  i) Managing Change with Skill and Finesse
  ii) Respectful Communication and Conflict Resolution
  iii) Enhance Your Supervisory Skills
  SUNY Oswego will be hosting a Managing Change with Skills and Finesse workshop on March 27, 9:00 - 4:30. Registration for this workshop must be done through the NYS/UUP Joint Labor/Management Committee website.