

MSUFT Local 1904
General Union Meeting held on May 4, 2011
Location: Student Center, Room 419

Meeting called to order by President Rich Wolfson at 2:40 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes from April Meeting: The minutes for the April 6, 2011 General Union Meeting were reviewed by the membership. There was no discussion and a vote was called to approve the minutes. All present were in favor of approving minutes as written.

2. Presentation of the Local's Scholarship Recipients: J. Higgins introduced the five recipients: the Becker-Keenen-Moore-Uhia-Waller Scholarship Recipients, Karen Henschke, Binta Jalloh, Brienna Rauhauser, and Stephen Way; and the Ellen Kerns Nunn Scholarship recipient, Elizabeth Santiago. Each scholarship recipient then addressed the membership.. A picture of R. Wolfson and the scholarship recipients was taken.

3. Officer Reports:

President: R. Wolfson discussed the following:

Announced that on June 2, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Bergen Community College there will be a debate on patient protection and health care act. He is seeking a representative of Labor to participate in this debate, which will be conducted in an Oxford face-to-face debate style. Stephen Way, one of the Scholarship recipients volunteered to represent the Local in the debate.

Reported that he and Douglas Larkin participated in a Labor and Education summit hosted by Congressman Rush Holt, which he detailed in his President's Corner piece in the most recent newsletter.

Stated that a labor demonstration was held last Tuesday in Newark at which AFT President Randi Weingarten spoke. Both he and Ken Brook were in attendance.

Stated that negotiations with the state begin on May 16, 2011 and information will be provided to the membership as negotiations progress.

Internal Vice President: Jennifer Higgins discussed the following:

The Career Development Committee met earlier that day and the meeting went well and the contract and local procedures were followed.

Negotiations: K. Brook reported on the following:

The Local's Librarian Range Change counter proposal will be presented to the administration this week.

A meeting with the administration was held prior to the Career Development Committee meeting about the procedures the committee would follow.

The Local is trying to get information from the administration about how to set up an election of and the constitution of the University Professional Staff Review Board (UPSRB) given that some of the divisions listed in the Local Selected Procedures Agreement (LSPA) are no longer in existence.

The Local is looking into the matter of Performance Based Promotions and why so few are being granted. The Local is also reviewing the criteria and evaluation process.

The Local has received the administration's demands regarding Doctoral programs. Many things remain unclear and the Local is seeking clarification.

A planning meeting has been held to prepare for Statewide Negotiations and 10-15 items regarding noneconomic issues from our Local were included in the Council's demands. The first meeting will be May 16th. No economic issues will be raised at that meeting.

A member asked about Summer Session and how much credit load was assigned for the number of students registered in each class.

Librarians Report: Mei Ling Chow reported the new Access Services Department Librarian is in the process of being hired and will possibly start work in July.

Treasurer: Bill Vincenti handed out the Local's balance sheet and shared that he was in the process of constituting the Audit and Investment Committees. The Audit Committee will begin its work soon and review the Local's books as per AFT National requirements.

Old Business

None.

New Business

K. Brook reported that the Administration wants to hire instructional designers for online course development to assist with developing how the courses are presented. However, the administration has provided no specifics regarding contracts to develop the courses themselves.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.