

Minutes of the NJ State Conference AAUP Executive Council Meeting

December 9th, 2009

9:30 am; Labor Education Center

Attending: Amy Bahruth, Nancy Stevenson, Anthony Bocabella, Matthew Fung, Pete Guzzo and Aline Guzzo

Minutes of last month's meeting were approved, with one amendment – in the Treasurer's Report, the closing balance should reflect \$37,331.25.

Treasurers Report, by Matthew, was presented and approved.

Nominating Committee: Matthew reported that Alex Trillo, President of St. Peter's AAUP Chapter, is willing to serve on the committee. Karen Thompson was likewise suggested as another possible committee member.

Legislative Report: Pete Guzzo gave an update, specifically on Bill 1609 – Lesniak's oversight bill. The bill passed the senate and is awaiting a vote in the assembly. He urged that our members should be emailing and/or calling Speaker Joe Roberts (856-742-7600; asmroberts@njleg.org) to please post the bill. Amy said she would get a brief message out to the entire membership through email via the National AAUP.

Christie's transition teams are being established and, as of now, include no representation from labor organizations. Amy sent a letter to Governor-elect Christie offering any assistance in his transition, which has been ignored. However, we do know that the Education Transition Team includes a host of College Presidents as well as CEO's and managers.

Things to know ... both the millionaire's tax and the corporate tax will be sunsetting. If Christie does not continue these taxes, it is more than a billion dollars in lost revenue for the state.

There is some talk about Christie imposing a fiscal "state of emergency" which he believes gives him the authority to break union contracts. CWA is currently challenging this position, stating he can only call for a weather-related state of emergency.

Spring Semester Meeting Dates: Set for the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 1:30 pm at the LEC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Bahruth