

**New Jersey State Conference of the American Association of University Professors
Executive Committee Meeting, at Labor Education Center
November 10, 2009**

Minutes

Members present: Amy Bahruth, Anthony Boccabella, Matthew Fung, Vivienne Gilroy, Nancy Stevenson, Marty Kesselman, Judith Johnston

Also attending: Aline Guzzo, Peter Guzzo, Patrick Nowlan

Meeting called to order by President Bahruth at 9:35 am.

Minutes: (October 14, 2009)

Secretary Gilroy corrected the October Minutes by adding Bob Witkowski to the list of those also attending. Delete "all" before "Chapters" from the first sentence of paragraph three.

Minutes approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Fung reported for the Checking Account a beginning balance of \$2,210.08 and a closing balance of \$2,503.58 and for the Money Market Account an opening of \$12,023.33 with a closing at \$37,331.24. The closing balance of both accounts is \$39,834.83. **Report accepted.**

Professor Fung also reported he had been elected treasurer of St. Peter's College AAUP Chapter. Congratulations were offered.

Report: Peter Guzzo, Government Affairs Agent

Peter Guzzo offered his views of how the recent election of Christopher Christie (R) as New Jersey's governor and the defeat of Gov. Jon Corzine (D) will affect the higher education community. He recommended we send a letter from our conference to the governor-elect to congratulate him on his election and our offer to work with him toward meeting the challenges that face him. Conference president Amy Bahruth said she would write the letter, email it to the Exec.Committee for review, and send it to the governor-elect.

Concerning the six weeks of the "lame duck" interim before Christie's inauguration, Guzzo cited the important S1609/A3245, the bill which seeks to make statutory changes in the governance and financing of public higher education. It is ready to be brought to a vote and he believes it has a good chance of being signed into law before the inauguration of the new governor.

He expects neither the proposal concerning the scope of negotiations nor the non-imposition measure will be passed. Guzzo suggests that we must court both parties,

pointing out we expect support from Senator Steve Sweeney (D) and Assemblywoman Sheila Oliver (D).

The restructuring the state's medical university system as presented by the Vagelos Commission a few years ago may be revisited. Senator Ray Lesniak may seek to involve Rowan's new medical school.

Conference Business:

Delegate Selection

Past President Judith Johnston, currently Chairperson of national Assembly of State Conferences (ASC) directed our attention to the recently distributed requirements for elections of delegates to the ASC annual meeting, and to national AAUP's electronic balloting system.

Motion: NJ AAUP accepts national AAUP's offer of electronic balloting for its election of delegates to the ASC's annual meeting... **Motion passed.**

It was agreed that the Conference President set up a committee to propose changes to the Conference constitution to provide consistency with the new election method. Nancy Stevenson volunteered to serve.

Judith Johnston warned that AAUP members may question the propriety of the automatic use of members' email addresses.

Grant from National

Professor Stevenson said the application for national's *per capita* grant had been completed by her and Bob Witkowski and sent to national.

Payment of NJTTP's services

The exact terms for the initial apportionment of sums to be paid for the services of NJTTP are being sought. The understanding has been that the three largest public universities, Rutgers, UMDNJ, and NJIT, be responsible for paying for the work of the NJTTP at the rate of \$2 per head, paid through the State Conference. The terms were presumably set forth in a 5-year agreement and thus confirmation of the arrangement can be achieved when that agreement/contract is located.

Meeting adjourned, 10:55 a.m.

Submitted by:

Vivienne Silroy

Sec'y, NJ AAUP