

# Alfred UUP News

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# **UUP Benefits Day**

Join us on Monday, March 26 from 11:30 to 1:30 in the Allegany Room to learn more about the many benefits available through UUP. Vendors will be available to provide information, and chapter officers will be available to answer questions (see page 2).

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Read the Echo at http:// uupinfo.org



## How can you fight workload creep?

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Alfred State Nursing faculty and staff at the March 1st Fair Contract event.



PRIZE RAFFLES

**Alfred UUP CHAPTER** 

# **UUP BENEFITS DAY**

Monday, March 26, 2018

Central Dining Hall, Allegany Rm.

11:30am - 1:30pm

United You Benefit More





Learn about the many negotiated benefits and discounted services available to both you and your eligible dependents.

MEET WITH
UUP BENEFIT
REPRESENTATIVES
and several
VENDORS

Learn about our NEW BENEFIT!

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**FREE Give Aways** 

with UUP
Discounted
Services

















# It's about R-E-S-P-E-C-T! Fair Contract Now!

Our work ensures that students receive the high-quality education they are entitled to. Our working conditions are our students' learning conditions.



Our last contract with the state expired in June 2016—20 months ago.

That is too long!



In our last contract, the state demanded:

- No across-the-board percentage raises for 3 years—zero;
- 2 furlough days of lost pay;
- An interest-free loan of 7 days' pay; and
- Increases in our share of health insurance costs!

Now SUNY says it is financially sound and enrollment is increasing!



It's time that SUNY recognizes the vital work we do! It's time for SUNY to step up, address our reasonable concerns, and support an agreement—NOW.

## It's about respect.

It's about fairly sharing the burdens of bad times and the benefits of better times.

#### It's about:

- A compensation package that includes equitable on-base salary increases;
- A reasonable minimum salary for part-time academics to ensure we are all appropriately compensated for the work we do;
- Extending NYS paid family leave benefits to UUP members to help ensure we are not forced to choose between work demands and family needs; and
- Providing longer term appointments for contingent employees to give these members some amount of job security.

It's about supporting the EMPLOYEES WHO MAKE SUNY WORK.

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# PROFESSIONALS How can Professionals fight workload creep?

- 1. Understand the basic principles that apply to your professional obligation
- 2. Take advantage of discussing your job duties with your supervisor as your Performance Program is being developed
- 3. Make sure you have a current Performance Program that accurately reflects your professional obligation
- 4. Be sure you are able to perform all of the duties in your Performance Program and ask for training if needed
- 5. Consult with the chapter leadership if you have questions
- 6. Document workload increases
  - a. Begin to keep a log of work done in areas that are subject to workload creep
  - b. Use written correspondence to document that you have taken on additional workload for specific reasons/projects and note that you do not consider it to be part of your professional obligation going forward
  - c. Make sure your Performance Program is modified to reflect workload increases, identifying extra work as such in relation to previous years
- 7. A change in duties and responsibilities may warrant a promotion, salary increase, reduction in other duties, extra service pay or compensatory time.
- 8. Consider requesting a salary increase or promotion when you feel it is warranted especially if your Performance Program shows an increase in duties and responsibilities
- 9. If additional duties are added to your Performance Program ask for others to be removed, or ask for a salary increase
- 10. If you are denied a salary increase or promotion you can appeal the denial to the College Review Panel

Participate in Workload/Performance Program workshops run by your Labor Relations Specialist (the statewide Professional VP can assist if invited)

Access the L.E.A.D. Program through the UUP web site to learn more about workload and many other topics

Keep a copy of The Guide for Professionals handy for tips on how to use your Performance Program to help keep workload in check. The guide is accessible through the UUP web site

Contact your chapter leadership or VPP Tom Tucker at 1-800-342-4206 with questions



### **How can Academics fight workload creep?**

Suggestions for chapter-level education campaigns and action

- 1. Understand the basic principles that apply to academics' professional obligation (the pie analogy)
- 2. Bring workload issues to your UUP chapter officers
- 3. Document workload increases
  - a. Begin to keep a log of work done in areas that are subject to workload creep
  - b. Use written correspondence to document that you have taken on additional workload for specific reasons/projects and note that you do not consider it to be part of your professional obligation going forward
  - c. Note workload increases in your annual report, identifying extra work as such in relation to previous years
- 4. Take steps to ensure that extra responsibilities and volunteer work do not become part of normal workload expectations
  - Document in writing that volunteer work is being done on a voluntary basis and for a specific period of time or to accomplish a specific one-time task (through emails, letters to Department Chairs, Deans, or other administrators)
  - b. Have department-level/unit-level discussions about workload issues to try and get everyone on the same page
- If you are asked to take on extra responsibilities, you can ask for compensation (extra service pay, reduction of duties in a subsequent semester in lieu of taking on extra duties).
- 6. Academic year appointees are not under obligation during the summer. Check with chapter officers on the exact start and end date of the academic year professional obligation. Develop practical suggestions for ways to handle summer work that may be beyond the person's typical class preparation and research activities normally done during summer months.
- Workload creep is often experienced individually but is part of a collective problem.
   Working collectively, with the assistance of your UUP chapter, to address workload issues.

Address workload issues in your chapter newsletters/web site articles, after consultation with your LRS and statewide officers

For further information contact your chapter officers or Jamie Dangler, UUP Vice President for Academics, idangler@uupmail.org; 1-800-342-4206



## NYSUT Member Benefits thanks our UUP members

We appreciate our hard-working professors for their dedication and the sacrifices they make on a daily basis to help improve the lives of others.

And NYSUT Member Benefits is proud to offer you -- the UUP bargaining unit member -- an opportunity to participate in the more than 40 endorsed programs & services offered by NYSUT Member Benefits.

Look to Member Benefits for crucial insurance programs such as life, long-term care or vision plans. Member Benefits also offers a variety of travel, entertainment & shopping options to help you with everything from daily purchases to those special once-in-a-lifetime excursions.

The following is just a sampling of the endorsed programs & services available to UUP bargaining unit members & their families:

- Auto, Home & Life Insurance
- Vision & Dental Plans
- Legal & Financial Services
- Hotel & Vacation Discounts
- Member Shopping Program
- Car & Truck Rental Discounts

- Competitive Savings Rates
- Retail Store Discounts
- Sports & Concert Tickets
- Theme Park Discounts
- Car Buying Service
- Heating Oil & Propane Savings



To learn more about Member Benefits-endorsed programs & services, visit *memberbenefits.nysut.org* or call **800-626-8101**.



For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits. Agency fee payers to NYSUT are eligible to participate in NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed programs.



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