

May 23, 2019
UUP Purchase Ambassadors Meeting
DRAFT Minutes

In Attendance:

Adelia Chaves (Institutional Advancement/Development), **Mary Garcia** (Educational Opportunity Program), **Kate Hageman** (Community Engagement), **Greta Silva** (Financial Aid), **Murielle Smith** (Conservatory of Theatre Arts), **Shirley Williams** (Admissions), **Di Yu** (School of Liberal Studies), **Christine Cipriano** (UUP Chapter Assistant), **Richard Burton** (UUP Organizer)

May 17 Graduation Button Activity

Approximately 150 activist Professionals and Academics wore the “Justice for Adjuncts” buttons at the May 17 graduation event. Several at the May 23 meeting commented about seeing the buttons by people on campus since the May 17 event. Mary Garcia pointed out though that there needs to be a follow up activity and so we discussed the possibilities. The proposed activity is that we will push for an even larger number of button-wearing participants at the Fall, 2019 Convocation event, and then having a strategy meeting after that.

Details we discussed about this are. . .

- This assumes that the issue (PT health benefits) is still pertinent at that point
- We have about 150 buttons left (from our original 300), so we’ll need to order more buttons (not clear at this point how many more)
- It’s not entirely clear yet when Convocation will take place, but classes begin on August 26, and Convocation is typically a week or two after the start of classes.
- We’ll staff an informational table in some prominent campus location for the week before Convocation, passing out not only buttons but also copies of a short flyer explaining the issue, and another flyer inviting people to the follow up strategy meeting, scheduled for some day not too long after Convocation.
- We’ll need to reserve a good-sized room for this follow up meeting on a day, time and location that’s convenient for most UUP members.

Proposed Summer Meeting Schedule

We discussed a proposed schedule for future Ambassador meetings this summer, and decided that our summer meetings will be. . .

- Wednesday, June 5
- Thursday, June 20
- Thursday, July 11
- Thursday, July 25
- Thursday, August 8
- Thursday, August 15

Unless otherwise noted, each meeting will be from 12:00 till 1:00 PM, and will be held in Natural Science, Room 2002

Proposed Ambassador Structure

We discussed the attached proposed structure for Ambassadors. We'll continue to discuss this at the next meeting (June 5), amend/revise it as needed, and vote to recommend it to the UUP chapter Executive Board for their consideration. We'll need to make sure that it is in compliance with the chapter by-laws.

Membership Card Distribution

These new cards look great and are a wonderful way for our Ambassadors to have a community-building/union-enhancing conversation with members while they are giving them their cards. We began with 655 and have had a direct in-person conversation with over 100 members as we've handed them their cards. But we still have over 530 left! A number of people looked through the cards and took the cards belonging to eleven colleagues they know from their workplaces. We will continue with this activity – focusing more on Professionals of course – over the course of the summer. We'll report back to each other about our conversations at each Ambassador meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Burton, UUP Organizer