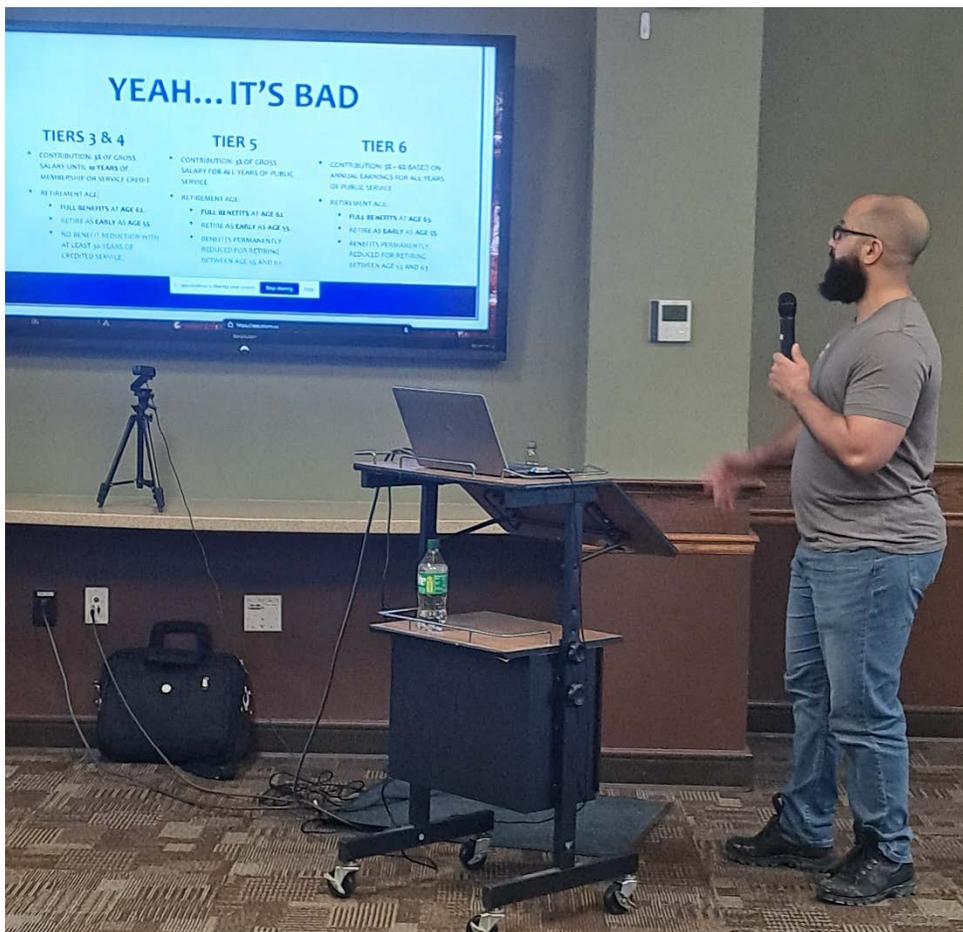


President's Report – March 2026

Anthony Nichols Champions Tier 6 Reform

Anthony Nichols delivered a compelling presentation at our **February 11, 2026, Oneonta UUP Chapter Meeting** on the urgent need to reform Tier 6, emphasizing how the current structure undermines SUNY's ability to recruit and retain high-quality faculty and staff. He highlighted the inequities built into Tier 6, particularly the extended vesting period and higher employee contribution rates and underscored how these policies place New York at a competitive disadvantage compared to other states.

Nichols argued that meaningful reform is not only a matter of fairness for public employees but also a strategic investment in SUNY's long-term stability. Stronger retirement benefits, he noted, translate directly into stronger campuses, better student outcomes, and a more resilient public workforce.



Jessie Simpaucio Speaks Out on Advocacy Day

Jessie Simpaucio took the lead in presenting SUNY Oneonta's broader advocacy priorities, at our February Chapter meeting reinforcing the message that SUNY's success depends on sustained, equitable state support. Her remarks are centered on the essential role SUNY plays in New York's economic and social landscape and the need for the state to match that role with real financial commitment.

Simpaucio emphasized that SUNY's challenges are solvable, but only if lawmakers act decisively. She called for everyone to come forward and advocate together as numbers matter.



TO: Shirley Clark, UUP Oneonta President

FROM: United University Professions Oneonta Chapter Finance Committee



DATE: February 25, 2026

RE: UUP Oneonta Chapter 2027 Fiscal Year Budget Proposal and Finance Committee Report

The UUP Oneonta Chapter Finance Committee met on February 2, 2026, at noon with Chapter President Shirley Clark and Michael McAvoy, Acting Chapter Treasurer, to consult on the proposed 2027-chapter budget. Finance Committee members present included Charlene Foley-Deno and Christine Storrie, who served as acting chair for the purposes of this meeting.

Michael McAvoy has agreed to serve as Acting Treasurer following the untimely passing of long-time UUP member and Chapter Treasurer Richard Tyler. In accordance with chapter bylaws, the Treasurer may not serve as Finance Committee chair. Christine Storrie therefore agreed to serve as acting chair for this meeting and was nominated by the committee to serve as Finance Committee Chair. That nomination of the Finance Committee was approved by the UUP Executive Board at its meeting on Wednesday, February 4.

The committee observed the increased the number of scheduled chapter meetings, programs, and engagement activities over the past year have continued to result in positive member response, as evidenced by growing attendance at chapter events. The proposed budget reflects the importance of sustaining this momentum through a similar number of board meetings, membership meetings, committee meetings, sessions, and workshops for the upcoming year. As a result, several budget lines remain consistent with or modestly increased from the prior year in order to reflect both participation levels and anticipated costs with consideration of the increase in prices of Sodexo.

The committee also discussed revisions to the current 2025–2026 budget to account for any expected changes for the remainder of the fiscal year and to ensure accurate projections moving forward.

The Finance Committee reviewed prior recommendations and offers the following updates:

- **Investment of surplus funds:** After revisiting the feasibility of investing surplus chapter funds in a short-term certificate of deposit, the committee notes that this recommendation from the prior year was not implemented. The committee may revisit this option in the future if surplus balances and timing allow.

- **Venmo payments:** The prior recommendation to explore whether the chapter bank account could accept Venmo payments is no longer necessary. Improved member responsiveness to event registrations and RSVPs during the current year has reduced unused resources and associated costs, making this option unnecessary at this time.
- **Dedicated phone line:** The recommendation that the President review the need for a dedicated phone line, including the feasibility of a web-based phone, remains pending and may be addressed in a future review.

The Finance Committee met again on Friday, February 20, 2026, for a supplemental meeting to finalize the chapter's supplemental allocation request as part of the formal budgeting process. Based on the projected shortfall of \$15,782.03 in the proposed 2027 fiscal year budget, the committee approved a supplemental allocation request of \$16,000. In addition, the committee approved a request for \$10,000 in additional chapter support funds.

These requests reflect increased participation in membership meetings, DEI programming, and workshops, including Labor Relations Specialist workshops, along with increased Sodexo pricing. While the committee reduced the budget allocation for membership meetings where feasible, overall engagement has continued to expand, and the committee believes it is important to sustain this momentum. The chapter must also maintain an appropriate cash reserve to support business operations and anticipated incoming expenses in the fall semester.

Your Chapter Finance Committee makes the following recommendations:

- **Chapter Budget Approval:** The Finance Committee voted unanimously to approve the chapter budget proposal developed by the Chapter President and Treasurer in consultation with the Finance Committee. The proposed 2027 fiscal year budget includes a projected shortfall of **\$15,782.03**. The Finance Committee recommends that the Executive Board approve the 2027 fiscal year budget proposal.
- **Finance Committee Membership:** With Michael McAvoy now serving as Chapter Treasurer, the Finance Committee currently has a vacancy. The committee has asked Sean Shannon to join the Finance Committee and requests that the Executive Board approve his nomination to fill the current vacancy.