

UUP Oneonta Chapter Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 12 Noon: Le Café Morris

Submitted by Bill Simons, Secretary

Present (27)

UUP Members (26): Ron Bishop, Jonathan Chester, Shirley Clark, Mathia Coughlan, Sarah Dunlap, Christine Edwards, Ethan Fox, Jeri Anne Jerminario, Grazyna Kamburowska, Penina Kamina, Achim Koeddermann, Mike McAvoy, Kathy Meeker, Katherine Nelligan, Janet Nepkie, Valerie Rapson, Julie Slichko, Bill Simons, Jessie Simpauco, Rui Tan, Zdenek Tronicek, Loraine Tyler, Alayna Vander Veer, Jen-Ting Wang, Zhu Wang, Gary Wickham

Professional Staff (1): Teresa DeSantis (CWA Assistant)

I. President's Welcome: Shirley Clark

- A. The meeting was called to order at 12:08 PM.
- B. Shirley noted that, as is customary, her detailed monthly Chapter President's Report will be posted on the UUP Oneonta website. In addition, a paper version was distributed at the beginning of the meeting.
- C. Her oral remarks discussed caution against phishing, the new union benefits card, dental plan options, mandatory NYS employee trainings, strong Chapter participation in the Fall Delegate Assembly (DA) which included presentation of a Chapter-endorsed resolution advocating direct voting on State UUP officers that did not pass but attracted considerable interest and discussion, the presentation to Jessie Simpauco of a NYSUT/UUP Pathway to Leadership Award, and acknowledgement of the work of former Membership Development Officer Matthew Unangst.

II. Vice President for Professionals and Housing Committee leader Jessie Simpauco offered a PowerPoint commentary on the work of that committee.

- A. The Housing Committee works off both a member survey and the experience of UUPers, reportage that identifies the necessity of living a distance from place of employment due to a dearth of available local accommodations.
- B. To ameliorate the preceding, the committee endeavors to build a working alliance between the union, SUNY Oneonta, and the community.
- C. The committee also seeks adoption of a Good Cause Eviction Law.
- D. The impact of summer baseball camp and other short-term rental on the housing shortage was also referenced.
- E. Upcoming events in *UUP-Date!* were noted.

III. Political Action Coordinator Ethan Fox reminded attendees of the importance of voter registration and early voting.

IV. In response to questions, Shirely discussed:

- A. the parameters of UUP employee obligations on GTL (Grow.Thrive.Live.) days
- B. the 3-3 course pilot program.

V. Secretary Bill Simons pointed out that assertive UUP advocacy and monitoring of the 3-3 course pilot program continues to be documented in Labor-Management notes and explained how to access those documents.

VI. J. Chester of the Counseling, Health & Wellness announced details of the Thursday, October 15, Suicide Prevention Program at Morris Complex from 12: 30 to 2 PM. The initiative during a GTL (Grow, Thrive, Live) day constitutes part of the Faculty Center Fall Institute agenda related to QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer).

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 PM.