UUP Oneonta Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026, Le Café, Morris Complex
Submitted by Ron Bishop, Secretary for the day, 12:00 PM

Present (17):

Executive Board Members Present – eligible to vote (13): Shirley Clark, Loraine Tyler, Kamina Penina, Achim Koedermann, Melissa Lavin, Michael McAvoy, Christine Edwards, Matthew Unangst, Geoffrey O'Shea, Ethan Fox, Jessie Simpauco, Anthony Nichols, and Ed Wesnofske (virtual). Visitors included Travis Mariano and Rob Trimarchi.

Executive Board Members Present – non-voting: Ron Bishop

Executive Board Members Absent: Bill Simons, Gary Wickham, and Jeri Anne Jerminario.

Professional Staff: Teresa DeSantis (CWA Asssistant)

Professional Staff Absent: Chris Sielaff (Labor Relations Representative)

Guests: Travis Mariano and Rob Trimarchi

1. President Shirley Clark convened the meeting with a welcome at 12:20 PM. She thanked the Executive Board members and the Chapter Administrative Assistant. In the Secretary's absence, no formal Secretary's Report was presented. However, the board was invited to consider meeting minutes from May 6 and August 26, 2026.

A. Copies of the May 6, 2026 meeting minutes were previously distributed electronically and were available in print.

B. Achim Koeddermann moved to accept the minutes of May 6, 2026.

C. Loraine Tyler seconded the motion.

D. Ethan Fox began the discussion with a new motion to amend § 6 to strike the phrase, "The discussion that followed was lengthy, assertive, and overwhelmingly opposed to the motion" and replace it with language that was somewhat more extensive and difficult to follow verbally.

E. Anthony Nichols seconded the new motion.

F. The discussion involved some confusion expressed by members regarding specific language that should be stricken from the May 6 minutes and language that should be substituted.

G. Ethan Fox moved to request a roll call vote on the motion to amend the May 6 minutes.

H. Geoff O'Shea moved to request a written proposal for the substitution that board members could consider prior to voting on the new motion.

I. Ed Wesnofske seconded that motion.

J. During the discussion, Ethan offered to distribute a written message by email so all board members could see the specific language intended to be stricken and substituted.

K. This last motion passed by a vote of 7 yes, 6 no, and 0 abstentions.

L. It was unanimously agreed to postpone consideration of the May 6, 2026 minutes until the next regular board meeting in October.

M. Copies of the August 26, 2026 meeting minutes were previously distributed electronically and were available in print.

N. Matthew Unangst moved to approve the minutes of August 26, 2026.

O. Ethan Fox seconded the motion.

P. The minutes of August 26, 2026 were approved by a vote of 12 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstention.

2. Treasurer's Report: Michael McAvoy.

A. Copies of the Treasurer's Report 2026.09.10 were previously distributed electronically and was available in print.

B. There were no questions or other discussion.
Achim Koeddermann moved to approve Treasurer's Report 2026.09.10.

C. Christine Edwards seconded the motion.

D. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

E. UUP Oneonta Chapter Spending Motions for Fiscal Year 09/01/2026 Through 08/31/2027 were previously distributed electronically and in print.

F. Achim Koeddermann moved to approve the Spending Motions for Fiscal Year 09/01/2026 through 08/31/2027.

G. Loraine Tyler seconded the motion.

H. The UUP Oneonta Chapter Spending Motions for Fiscal Year 09/01/2026 Through 08/31/2027 were approved unanimously.

3. President's Report: Shirley Clark.

A. The President's Report – September 2026 was previously distributed electronically and was available in print.

B. Shirley called for a moment of silence "to recognize and honor several members of our SUNY Oneonta community who have passed away." The UUP Oneonta members held in remembrance were: Julie Smith, Kathy Dwyer, William Benedict, Robin Leahy English, Brian Holleran, Ronald Embling, and Rich Tyler .

C. She announced that Matthew Unangst is leaving Oneonta. He was thanked for all his service to UUP Oneonta and presented with a UUP paper weight.

D. Achim Koeddermann asked, "What are we going to do with the survey initiated by Rob Compton?"

E. Shirley and Ethan stated that there is no detailed plan. Ethan could close the survey and send it for analysis. Further discussion focused on whether or how to resend the survey, complicated by the movement of people in key positions and the passage of time.

F. Christine Edwards moved to close the survey immediately.

G. Mike McAvoy seconded the motion.

H. The motion passed with a vote of 11 yes, 0 no, and 2 abstentions.

I. Achim Koeddermann moved to appoint Melissa Lavin to conduct the analysis.

J. Ethan Fox seconded the motion.

K. During the discussion, Melissa agreed to perform the analysis while noting time constraints that could prolong the work.

L. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Vice President for Professionals: Jesse Simpauco

A. No formal report was distributed prior to or at the meeting.

B. Jesse made a plea for members to submit Labor-Management meeting items to the negotiating team in a timely manner.

C. There were no questions or further discussion.

5. Officer for Contingents: Melissa Lavin

A. No formal report was distributed prior to or at the meeting.

B. Melissa announced that she is working with a Daily Star reporter to look at students' interactions with adjunct faculty.

C. There were no questions or further discussion.

6. Outreach Coordinator: Ethan Fox

A. Ethan called for people to get involved with get-out-the-vote activities, including the Oct. 17 day of action with Indivisible.

B. Ethan announced that he is working with students and student groups regarding voter registration and issues such as artificial intelligence. Some students have congressional representatives who have voted for significant changes in higher education availability, and it could be desirable for those students to vote in their home districts.
His major efforts are focused on developing a political action committee among colleagues and providing education about UUP to students.

C. There were no questions or further discussion.

7. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer: Kamina Penina

A. No formal report was distributed prior to or at the meeting.

B. Kamina announced an upcoming event planned for November; flyers will be sent out.

C. There were no questions or further discussion.

8. Announcements: Shirley Clark

A. Our Treasurer estimates that we will not have sufficient funds for both a Department Ambassadors meeting and a November chapter meeting, so the chapter meeting will be devoted to Ambassadors.

B. Our Treasurer estimates that we will not have sufficient funds for both a December chapter meeting and a holiday party, and we will default to the party with the goal of attracting and serving more members.

C. There were no questions or further discussion.

9. Membership Development Coordinator: Rob Trimarchi

A. Rob told us he has had some interesting conversations with Oneonta colleagues, and would like us to look for new people to engage in UUP membership discussions.

B. There were no questions or further discussion.

10. Adjournment

A. Ron Bishop moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:14 PM.

B. Ethan Fox seconded the motion.

C. The motion appeared to pass unanimously as judged by people beginning to rise from their seats.

Addendum: contemporaneous notes (post-meeting)

As members and guests moved toward the exit, Ethan Fox recalled his motion to request a roll-call vote on his amendment to the minutes of May 6, 2026. It was unclear whether or by whom the motion may have been seconded, and there was no discussion of or vote on that motion.