

**Polytechnic Institute Chapter of UUP Chapter Breakfast Meeting**

March 12, 2024

8:30-10 am

**Welcome**

Kathleen welcomed and thanked everyone for attending today’s chapter breakfast meeting.

**Chapter Executive Board Introduction**

Kathleen introduced the Executive Board members and thanked them for their service:

Alex Bulson, VP of Academic; Steve Perta, VP for Professionals; Michelle Tucker, Treasurer; Beth Tolman, Secretary; Jack Green, Officer for Contingents; Mike Durr, Officer for Retirees; Maureen Cool, Chapter Assistant. Also joining today’s meeting was Kathy Briggs, LRS; and Lydia Brassard, Professional Organizer

**Welcome New Members**

Lydia Brassard welcomed new members and encouraged everyone to review the attached flyers: Career Development Opportunities; Contingents 2022-2026 Contract, and Fair Compensation.

**Chapter Budget**   
Michelle Tucker gave an update on the attached proposed budget for 24/25. The budget passed with no oppositions and no abstentions.

**Presentation for New Professionals**

Steve Perta welcomed all new professionals. A meeting with professionals will be scheduled on a Tuesday or Thursday to discuss performance programs, obligations that require professionals to work outside of normal business hours, and compensatory time.

**Individual Development Awards**Steve Perta gave an update on the IDAs. Funding is given to Poly annually to help both full-time and part time bargaining unit employees to pay for conferences, seminars, etc. The first round of applications has been completed, and recipients have been notified. There are additional funds available for activities from 7/2/23 thru 7/1/24, and applications are due by April 15. The local committee reviews the applications, and decisions are sent to JLMC for review and final approval. There’s a separate funding program for those who apply for certification or licensure renewal.

**Spring Social BBQ**

There will be a Spring Social BBQ sometime in April; details will be forthcoming.

**Benefits Presentation**

Doreen Bango gave a presentation on benefits. Included in the discussion were the following:

Dental, vision, benefit trust fund, MetLife insurance benefit, Benefit Trust Fund Scholarship Program, PsychHub, AFLAC is supplemental insurance, Colonial Voluntary Benefits, InsurChoice, mid-island mortage corp, Liberty Mutual, MetLife Legal Plan, MetLife Group Universal Life Insurance program, Real Estate Advantage Program, Cambridge Credit Counseling Corp, trupanion, Collette Travel, and Member Services Trust Fund.

All of the above benefits information is available at [uupinfo.org](https://uupinfo.org/) and the links are listed in the chat box. Benefits booklets are also available on the website. If questions, contact a representative at 800-887-3863.

Gift cards were awarded to those in attendance compliments of Doreen Bango and Dunkin Donuts.

