

Vice-President Report

Summer Institute: I attended the workshop on conference/chapter development and received many insights that would be productive for us to consider.

UUP: I attended the May Delegate assembly to try to persuade members to offer us a chance to work out our differences. I spoke to a number of delegates and worked hard along with Gary Rhoades to calm the waters, which resulted in a delay of the vote until February. Since that time a number of issues have been brought to my attention by various UUP members. There was overall confusion on the part of many members on whether or not any of their membership should participate in NYS AAUP matters, for example, chair or be on committees and it was not until early October that a SUNY Council representative was named. There have been ideas floated around AAUP's lack of responsiveness and disregard for UUP positions for some examples, the handling of the Artur Grabowski academic freedom case, the reprinting of the June 2010 NYS Academe article "State University Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher Unveils 'The Power Of Suny' As New Strategic Plan" which was passed around at their October delegate assembly. This is a plan they vehemently opposed and was two pages away from my article on why we should stay together. The UUP was disturbed by the way national handled committee assignments of UUP members. Perhaps more on that later.

NYS Academe: I wrote pieces for the last two issues, the last one on COCAL and the New Faculty Majority.

My paper from last year's conference was published on AAUP website, only a select few were invited.

Issues we need to address:

- We need to take advantage of national support to organize new chapters to expand our membership.
- We also need to improve our communication with national which has become problematic at times.

Contingent Faculty Report

I attended COCAL IX in Quebec City as NYSUT's sole representative. I attended several sessions and two plenary, sessions and learned plenty of useful information and was especially invigorating by the Quebecois labor groups and their energy and force of numbers.

I am continuing to work on the Contingent Faculty Researching Contingent Faculty book and will be sending out the set of deadlines for abstracts and draft in November. So far we have abstracts in the following areas: Academic Freedom, Women as Contingents, Evaluation, Teaching Online, Respect: Non-monetary

Privileges, and Governance, and Union and Contingent Faculty Relations, and even some poetry in the mix. Marc Bousquet has offered to write a forward, and we have two people interested in helping us find a publisher. The book's proceeds if any will go to The New Faculty Majority.

NFM 10 year plan is up on their website and we can perhaps discuss this in the forum later.

I submitted a proposal for June on academic freedom and contingent faculty, which will take up a range of three or four cases from onset to resolution and their implications going forward.

Discussed with Cary Nelson about being on the national contingent faculty committee, and he said I will be next year.

I reviewed and am continuing to track the Artur Grabowski case that I have the full set of materials on.

I have been attempting to organize and create a network of NYSUT and AFT part-time faculty only unions. We want to come up with our common issues and work more collectively. Obviously we are facing some resistance, but not as yet unsurmountable.