

AFT Local 1839
Monday, February 25, 2008
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General Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order—The meeting was called to order by Vice President Lilliam Rosado at 3:11 p.m. (in place of President Sarah Harnick).
2. Acceptance of February 25, 2008 Agenda—Motion to make one change to this month’s meeting agenda made by Joe Moskowitz to Promotions Task Force update (item 4a below). Seconded by Theresa Guerriere. Accepted by voice vote.
3. Reading and Acceptance of January 14, 2008 Minutes—Motion to accept made by John Debrizzi. Seconded by Anne Mabry. Accepted by voice vote.
4. President’s Report:
 - a. Local Membership Dues—Tabled.
 - b. Local Negotiations—Bob Arey reported on two items: 1) 24 credits can be spread out over two semesters plus summer per the new contract. It is purely voluntary but is now an option for which procedures are currently being negotiated; 2) A. Harry Moore proposals are now on the table. Local negotiations are scheduled for tomorrow (2/26) and will be held for two hours every three weeks. Bob felt we need to meet every two weeks, and asked for a resolution to that effect. So moved by John Debrizzi, seconded by Theresa Guerriere. The vote was 28 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion carried.
 - c. Local Elections—Tabled due to Sarah Harnick’s absence. The body felt that the local needs to have an election report as soon as possible to ensure that we are in compliance.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Report by Department Personnel Task Force Committee—made by John Grew. The purpose of the report is to take up at the next general meeting to discuss/accept changes. The committee will entertain emailed suggestions in the meantime. (The other members of the committee are: Lilliam Rosado, Alberto Pinkas, Shimshon Kinory, and Gail Gordon.)
 - b. Netiquette Policy—Presented by Ellen Quinn for a vote. Motion to accept the policy made by Rosilyn Overton, seconded by Christine Carmody-Arey. Joe Moskowitz made an amendment to change the opening line: “Any email list, website, and discussion fora of the AFT 1839 that exists shall be open to all AFT members.” Seconded. The vote was 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Amendment to the motion carried. Helen Hoch

made the following additional amendment to the motion: “Do not flame individuals on the list.” Seconded by Joe Moskowitz. The vote on the amendment was 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. The vote on the main motion as amended (twice) was 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

5. Old Business:

- a. Promotions Task Force update—Joe Moskowitz presented suggested items for local negotiations regarding the faculty promotions process. The proposal was presented and voted on in two sections. The first section was “Proposed Modification to Item #7 on page three in which the following sentence would be struck: “Members shall recuse themselves from considering the application of candidates at the same rank as that held by committee members.” Motion made by Joe Moskowitz. Seconded by Rosilyn Overton. The vote was 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions. Motion carried. The second section was “Appendix A: Qualifications for Academic Rank.” It was further broken down into two sections (a and b). The qualification of experience **at New Jersey City University** was the language change here for both rank of professor (part b) and rank of associate professor (part a). A motion to call the question was made by Joe M. The vote was 15 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion passed to call the question. The vote on part II a (associate professor to have five years of full-time experience at NJCU) was 15 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion carried. The vote on part II b (full professor to have eight years of full-time experience at NJCU) was 15 in favor, 4 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion carried.
- b. Local Constitution—Bob Arey explained that today’s meeting counted as a first reading. Therefore, at the March meeting, the constitution will have its second reading and be voted on.

6. New Business:

- a. Hudson Pride Connection Gala—it was the recommendation of the Executive Committee that two tickets be purchased for this event by the local. The vote on the recommendation was 20 in favor, 8 opposed, 0 abstentions.
- b. LSAT “support”—the Executive Committee needs more information and needs to create a policy so that these types of requests (for support of students) can be acted upon more quickly.

7. Adjournment—motion to adjourn made by Joe M. Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.