

AFT Local 1839
Monday, March 24, 2008
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General Meeting Minutes (with approved revisions made)

1. Call to order—The meeting was called to order by President Sarah Harnick at 3:06 p.m.
2. Acceptance of March 24, 2008 Agenda—Motion to make the following changes in the agenda (20 minutes): 1) Lilliam Rosado made a motion to change the time allotted to the “Final Report by Department Personnel Committee” from 15 minutes to 25 minutes. Seconded by Niloofar Mina. Motion passed by voice vote; 2) Jacqueline Ellis made a motion to add the Elections Committee Report. Seconded by Helen Hoch. Motion passed by voice vote; 3) Matt Caulfield made a motion to have the meeting end at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Lois Weiner. Helen Hoch made a motion to call the question. The vote on calling the question was 22 in favor, 5 opposed. Motion carried. The vote on the motion to end the meeting time at 5:00 was 22 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried; 4) Niloofar made a motion to have 1-2 minutes for a V.P. for Adjunct Faculty Report. Seconded by Debra Jencks. The vote was 12 in favor, 7 opposed. Motion carried. Motion to accept the agenda as amended made by Howard Singer. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Final Report by Department Personnel Committee—presented for a vote to go to local negotiations. Motion to extend discussion made by Ivan Steinberg. Seconded by Mort Abdollah. Motion made by John Grew on behalf of the Committee that the body adopt either Option #1 (that the DPC will not longer review promotion binders.) or Option #2 (that the DPC continue to review the promotion binders). Joe Moskowitz moved that the local vote on Option #2 (that the DPC continue to review promotion binders). Amendment to Joe’s motion made by Althea Hall: “The Department Chair will not be included in the DPC membership’ will replace the existing line, ‘The Department Chair will not evaluate promotion applications,’ which will be struck from the document.” Seconded by Bob Arey. The amendment passed by a voice vote. The vote on Option #2 as amended was 28 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion carried. The body thanked the Department Personnel Committee for their diligence.
4. President’s Report:
 - a. Resolution on Endorsements in National Races—recommended by the Executive Committee that the local add its name to this resolution. Approved by voice vote.

- b. Approval of minutes of February 25, 2008, meeting—motion made by Christine Carmody-Arey. Approved by voice vote with one change.
 - c. Elections Committee Report—made by Jacqueline Ellis. Goal is to have all ballots mailed out by April 15, and returned by May 8. They will be counted by the American Arbitration Association on May 9 (fee: \$275). The results will be published by May 12.
 - d. Adjunct Faculty Report—made by Niloofar Mina. She reported that there are 300-400 adjunct faculty; about 180 are members. Half of them are not on the Adjunct Faculty listserv. Therefore, the only way to get materials to members is by home mail. Official union documents should be mailed to adjunct faculty's home addresses.
5. Old Business—Local Constitution's revisions. Tabled until the April 14 meeting.
6. Adjournment—motion to adjourn made by Joe Moskowitz. Meeting adjourned at 5:01. p.m.