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## CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 8, 2010

There are 31 Oswego Chapter members in attendance with guests: P. Smith, UUP President; F. Floss, UUP VP for Academics; J. Marino, UUP VP for Professionals; and H, Sponenburg, UUP LRS.

Chapter President, S. Abraham, welcomes everyone for attending. He introduces the UUP Officers from Albany, and then introduces L. Fuller, Chapter Treasurer.

1. L. Fuller provides an overview of the proposed 2010-11 Chapter budget. He provides information regarding budget lines and indicates that, with the supplemental budget request, that this is a balanced budget request. D. Masterson MOVES and B. Altschuler 2nds the MOTION to adopt the 2010-11 Oswego Chapter budget. The motion is APPROVED without dissent from those in attendance.
2. P. Smith comments on the state of the NYS budget. If enacted as is, over the last two years there will have been a 25% reduction in state aid to SUNY. There will be tremendous pressure to pass a budget prior to school board budget votes in May. Phil is concerned that this rush will negatively impact SUNY. He encourages members to continue to advocate for SUNY by contacting legislators via uupinfo.org and savesuny.org
3. P. Smith provides the UUP position on the Public Higher Education Empowerment Act. He displays a map of NY which highlights the University Centers and Medical Centers and asks "Where is your campus on this map?" (see [http://www.buffalo.edu/ubbelievers/files/Advocacy\\_Summary.pdf](http://www.buffalo.edu/ubbelievers/files/Advocacy_Summary.pdf) for the brochure.)

He then corrects the misinformation presented in the brochure and sets straight other points that are being spun, such as the creation of 65, 000 construction jobs if the enactment is passed. A look at the Construction Fund indicates that they have already targeted that figure for the projects already approved for the next several years.

Also with reduced tax dollars, and a proposed increase in the workforce of 100 faculty, the price tag to fund those positions would be borne by students and families by way of increased tuition.

There are points within the legislation that we agree with, but as a whole, UUP cannot support it.

There was a session of questions/answers.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William Canning  
Oswego Chapter Secretary