



## **WCCFT Membership Meeting September 9, 2020 Minutes**

Jim Werner called the meeting to order at 11:05 am (via Zoom).

1. The minutes of the June 11, 2020 meeting were approved.
2. Item number 6: Discussion of Issues with Remote Instruction/Services was added and the agenda was approved.
3. President's Report  
We took one minute of silence in support of our colleagues striking for social justice in the "Scholar Strike". (The Taylor law makes it illegal for us to strike.)
  - a) Jim talked about the College's reemergence, which is spelled out in the Pandemic Plan available on the College website. He thanked Deirdre Verne and Amanda Velasquez for their work on the Remote Teaching MOA. Health and safety issues are a mandatory subject of bargaining and are going to be important going forward. The Executive Committee has approved a special committee: the Pandemic Recovery and Campus Reentry Committee. Jim will put out a call for volunteers with expertise in related areas such as science, health science, nursing and engineering. A stipend has been authorized.
  - b) The financial outlook: Members of the WCCFT met with local legislative leaders to lobby for funding for WCC, and for them to support initiatives such as the millionaires' tax. Jim, Deirdre and Amanda met with Belinda Miles and Mike Wittenberg at Dr. Miles request to discuss finances and were able to ask questions regarding state aid, the Cares Act, budget projections and assumptions. Immediately following that meeting the administration proposed the partial settlement.  
Discussion followed.
4. Negotiations Update and Vote on Partial Settlement Proposal  
Jim shared the MOA and read through it. Discussion followed.  
A proposal to ratify the MOA passed 72 – 0 – 2.
5. Budget Presentation  
Matt Sokol shared the budget that has been approved by the Executive Committee. Discussion followed.
6. Discussion of Issues with Remote Instruction/Services

New issues have probably arisen since the implementation of the MOA on Remote Teaching. A discussion on workplace/workload issues followed.

7. Other reports/updates/announcements

Jim reported that NYSUT has several committees that are looking for participants. He will send a list.

Rowan reported that full time faculty development applications are being accepted now until September 30<sup>th</sup>. Adjunct applications will be accepted from Oct 1<sup>st</sup> to Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. Reminders will be sent via college email.

Jim reminded us that the union is more important than ever in these difficult times and asked everyone to reach out to non-member adjuncts.

8. New Business: None

9. Adjournment at 12:47 pm

Minutes recorded by Rowan Lindley