

## Scheuerman leaves UUP to head National Labor College

Bill Scheuerman announced his resignation as President of UUP to assume the role of National Labor College president at the union's Executive Board meeting Nov. 30.



**Scheuerman**

"I leave my colleagues at UUP with mixed emotions because working together, UUP has become an extraordinarily successful higher education union," said Scheuerman. "At the same time, I look forward with great enthusiasm to tackling the many challenges facing the national labor movement, and to working with (National Labor College Board of Trustees Chair and AFL-CIO President) John Sweeney to strengthen and grow organized labor by educating the next generation of unionists."

Scheuerman led UUP as president for 14 years. He presided over the union's growth in influence as well as in membership. UUP's membership now exceeds 34,000, as compared with 21,000 in the mid-1990s.

Scheuerman's involvement in union leadership dates back to 1978. Prior to winning election as UUP president in 1993, he served for five years as the union's statewide VP for academics. Before holding that leadership post, Scheuerman also served as the union's chief contract negotiator for the union's 1988-1991 agreement.

Labor leaders had words of praise for Scheuerman.

"The National Labor College has come a long way in the last 10 years and we sought a presidential candidate who could continue our progress and lead the college to new heights,"

Sweeney said. "In Bill Scheuerman we have a man of scholarly achievement and union integrity and leadership.

"I look forward to working closely with Bill as he takes the reins of this great institution of higher learning for working people — the college of the labor movement."

"Bill brings to the National Labor College the unique perspective of a scholar, author and union leader," added NYSUT President Dick Iannuzzi. "It is this same perspective that helped him build UUP into the largest and one of the most respected higher education unions in the nation. On behalf of the NYSUT leadership, I wish him all the best and look forward to working with him in this new capacity."

Scheuerman assumed the presidency of the National Labor College Dec. 3



**Floss**

On a voice vote, the Executive Board appointed Fred Floss as acting president to fill the vacancy left by Scheuerman's departure.

"I am honored and humbled to have been appointed to lead this great union as acting president," Floss said. "I look forward to maintaining and strengthening UUP's national reputation for strong advocacy on behalf of our members and to continuing our joint efforts with our national affiliates, the AFT and the NEA, and with our state affiliate, NYSUT. With the support of UUP's politically astute and active members, we will continue pushing SUNY to become the greatest public university in the nation."

"I can't think of anyone better suited to lead this union," said Scheuerman. "We've worked

## Contract negotiations pick up pace

The pace of contract negotiations between UUP and the state quickened this week. UUP's 19-member Negotiations Team met with the state's full negotiating team for three days this week — on Wednesday, Thursday and today (Friday).

Additionally, the union's Negotiations Team members have been asked to clear their calendars for next week for another potential round of negotiations sessions.

UUP and representatives from the Governor's Office of Employee Relations are trying to reach agreement on a new contract to replace the pact that expired July 1.

UUP Acting President and Chief Negotiator Fred Floss said there is no timetable to reaching an agreement.

"Our goal is the same now as it was when we began — to negotiate a good contract for our members," he said.

Negotiations updates will be posted on UUP's Web site at [www.uupinfo.org](http://www.uupinfo.org) as developments warrant.

together for four years and Fred has brought enormous energy and competence to the office of VP for academics. I am confident Fred will solidify UUP's position as a key player at SUNY and the Capitol."



**Kallio**

The Executive Board also appointed Ken Kallio of SUNY Geneseo as acting VP for academics, succeeding Floss in that position. Kallio

chairs UUP's Elections & Credentials Committee and is a member of the union's Negotiations Team.

Floss will serve as acting president until an election is conducted to select a candidate to fill the remainder of Scheuerman's unexpired term that ends May 31, 2009. The election will be held at UUP's Winter DA Feb. 8-9 in Albany.

### Reminders/Upcoming meetings

**DEC 24-31** —UUP Office closed for Christmas

**JAN 1** —UUP Office closed for New Year's

**JAN 11** —UUP Executive Board meeting, Albany

**FEB 7** —UUP Executive Board meeting, Albany

**FEB 8-9** —2008 Winter DA, Albany

**FEB 12** —UUP Legislative Luncheon, LOB, Albany

(excerpts of selected newsclips)

**Newsday** —Dec. 7

## More faculty, funds for SUNY

<http://www.newsday.com/news/opinion/ny-opletb5496637dec12.0.6120117.story?page=2>

I applaud "Spitzer should make SUNY shine" [Editorial, Dec. 2], urging Gov. Spitzer to make New York's State University the best public higher education system in the nation.

As your editorial notes, SUNY simply cannot get to the next level without adequate funding. Getting there requires replenishing the ranks of full-time faculty following a decade of underfunding, which shrank the number of full-time instructional and professional staff to record lows.

Although the past two state budgets have included money for additional full-time faculty, SUNY still has a long way to go. SUNY would need to hire 1,600 new full-time faculty just to return to the student-faculty ratio that existed in 1990.

With SUNY reporting its 10th consecutive year of increased enrollment, this faculty shortage will continue to grow unless the state provides more funds.

The SUNY board of trustees' 2008 budget proposes funding for 1,000 additional full-time faculty over the next three years. That's a good start, but I urge Spitzer to propose to fully fund these faculty with state-supported increase in his executive budget, to help SUNY reach the national pinnacle of public higher education.

Investing state taxpayer dollars in SUNY would pay huge dividends for the economy of Long Island and the entire state.

Increasing our pool of college-educated workers will do much to attract and retain the businesses that strengthen New York's economic viability.

Frederick G. Floss

Editor's note: The writer is acting president of United University Professions.

**The Chief** —Dec. 7 (subscription only)

## UUP President to Run National Labor College

United University Professions President William E. Scheuerman has been tapped by AFL-CIO President John Sweeney to head the National Labor College.

Frederick G. Floss, formerly vice president of academics, will serve as UUP's acting president until the union's delegate assembly elects someone in February to fill out Mr. Scheuerman's term. The 14-year incumbent stepped down on Nov. 30 and began his tenure at the NLC on Dec. 3. The college is the only accredited institution in the country whose primary focus is the education of union members, activists and staff.

### A Larger Challenge

"I leave my colleagues at UUP with mixed emotions," said Mr. Scheuerman in a statement.

"At the same time, I look forward with great enthusiasm to tackling the many challenges facing the national labor movement, and to working with John Sweeney to strengthen and grow organized labor by educating the next generation of unionists."

Originally founded by the AFL-CIO in 1969 as the George Meany Center for Labor Studies, the center became the NLC in 1997. It offers degree completion programs for union members seeking to finish their college education. Students can take classes on-line and in-person, allowing them to continue to work while they pursue their degree. Mr. Scheuerman will replace Susan J. Schurman, who retired from the college on June 30th.

### Ranks Grew

Under Mr. Scheuerman's watch, UUP's ranks grew from 21,000 in the mid-1990's to 33,000 in 2007. He served on the executive committee of UUP's national affiliate, the American Federation of Teachers, and chaired the AFT's higher education program and policy council. He was also a member of UUP's state affiliate New York State United Teachers' executive board and chaired that body's higher education committee.

"The National Labor College has come a long way in the last 10 years and we sought a presidential candidate who could continue our progress and lead the college to new heights," said Mr. Sweeney in a statement. "In Bill Scheuerman we have a man of scholarly achievement and union integrity and leadership."

**THE GAZETTE** —Dec. 1 (subscription only)

## Professors' union appoints interim president

Frederick Floss was appointed Friday as interim president of United University Professions, a union representing professors and other workers in the state university system.

Floss, who has been UUP's vice president for academics since 2004, succeeds President William Scheuerman, who resigned Friday as he had previously announced he would do.

Scheuerman, who led the union for more than 14 years, is leaving to become president of the National Labor College in Maryland.

Floss was appointed interim president by the UUP Executive Board. He will serve until the union's delegate assembly, meeting Feb. 8-9 in Albany, picks a new president to fill the rest of Scheuerman's term, through May 31, 2009.

UUP spokesman Don Feldstein said Floss is expected to be a candidate for the union presidency in February. Feldstein said he was not aware at this time of any other candidates.

Floss also has been serving as the union's chief contract negotiator in talks currently under way with the state. The 33,000 UUP members are working under the terms of a contract that expired July.

Floss is on leave from his faculty position of

professor of economics at Buffalo State College. He holds both Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in economics from the University of Buffalo. He lives in the Buffalo suburb of Kenmore with wife Lauren and their two sons.

The Executive Board also appointed Kenneth D. Kallio, Ph.D., as acting vice president for academics, succeeding Floss in that position.

Kallio is an associate professor and chairman of the psychology department at Geneseo State College. He chairs the union's Elections and Credentials Committee and is a member of the negotiations team.

**Newsday** —Nov. 27

## SUNY enrollment hits another record

<http://www.newsday.com/news/local/education/ny-isuny275477866nov27.0.3851873.story>

The State University of New York announced yesterday another year of record enrollment, with 426,891 students in its 64 two- and four-year institutions for Fall 2007, according to preliminary estimates.

SUNY said it is the 10th consecutive year with an increase, which is in line with a national trend of enrollment increases.

The announcement is both good news and bad news, said Bill Scheuerman, president of the 33,000-member United University Professions union. "On the one hand, it's a really good thing. The enrollment mirrors the importance of SUNY," he said.

"But the bad news is the university has not gotten the kind of support that it should have gotten over the past 15 to 20 years. For instance, we would have to hire 1,600 new full-time faculty just to go back to the student-faculty ratio we had in 1990," Scheuerman said.

Then, there were 18 full time faculty members for every student, Scheuerman said. Now the ratio is more than 23 to 1, he said.

Adding more full-time faculty has been SUNY's "number one priority" for the past two years and SUNY will "continue to advocate" for more resources in that area, said SUNY spokesman David Henahan.

SUNY estimates enrollment grew about 2.2%, or 9,308 students, over Fall 2006, and reported the largest freshman class in its history - 74,149 students, a 5.3% increase over the previous year.

SUNY said enrollment has increased by 58,432 since Fall 1996, rising from 368,459 to 426,891, or nearly 16 percent. And for the third straight year, more students enrolled in SUNY community colleges than at the four-year colleges - 214,782 versus 212,109.

"The continuing increase in enrollment reflects our world-class faculty and the high-quality education students receive at our colleges and universities," interim SUNY chancellor John B. Clark said in a statement.