

2019 Stony Brook Center Chapter Elections

Candidates' Statements

In accordance with union policy, candidates running for elective positions are entitled to have statements printed in chapter newsletters and/or on a chapter website which is distributed to all bargaining unit members; Insight, the chapter newsletter is no longer published in paper format in accordance with the chapter policy on being green. All candidate statements will only be posted on the chapter's website. Solicitation of statements was done through the chapter's electronic announcement listing, Happy Pay Day as listed below:

Chapter Election Nominees' Statements Announcement

Stony Brook Center Chapter members/nominees currently running for elected office or for position of elected delegate who are interested in submitting a candidate statement for publication on the chapter's website, uupsbu.org, are invited to do so by emailing the statement to the chapter office at stonybrook@uupmail.org by Friday, March 1st 5PM. All received statements will be posted by the morning of Monday, March 4th in keeping with the posted UUP Elections calendar.

The following are statements from those union candidates who chose to submit them; photographs were not requested within the original solicitation so to ensure fairness for all candidates photographs were not included. The statements are printed as submitted, with minor editing for consistency of style. The statements are organized in position order, and then alphabetically by last name of the candidate.

Chapter President and Delegate

Candidate Statement from Kevin Moriarty

I have been your president for the past three years. I am currently non-tenured fulltime faculty in the department of Technology & Society and I have been a member of UUP for twenty-one years.

During this time, I have strived to represent our faculty and staff both on campus and in Albany to advocate for fair treatment, respect and the recognition of the incredible work we all does. One would think that would be an easy task but as you all know it is not.

We face to face a lack of heart. Our faculty is forced to fight over an ever-shrinking amount of funding. We see huge construction all around us yet we can't seem to buy basic supplies. Our Professionals are grossly understaffed, underappreciated and devalued. Our contingent workforce is treated as if they are window dressing to be changed seasonally, while they struggle to make ends meet and retain health care for themselves and their families.

We constantly hear that our campus budget crisis is the fault of contractual raises, yet others to get rises.

Make no mistake, every day I, along with your chapter leadership, struggle to maintain the terms and conditions as spelled out by our contract. Moreover, I personally spend most of my time reminding administration that we are more than human capital, that our members spend their adult lives here, all striving to feed their families, pay their bills and provide an education to our students.

During this campaign, you will hear people propose lofty promises and even tell you the things you would like to see or that you feel should be different.

I do not disagree with such things, but as President, I am responsible for acting on your behalf with the contexts of the Taylor Law and our contract.

It's easy to tell you what you want to hear. But I and your chapter leadership will never tell you anything but the truth and what we can do to ensure that our Campus Administration does what they are required to do, and, that our members deserve to be treated in a manner Far Beyond the way that they have been treated for the last decade.

Candidate statement from Ed Quinn

I am running for Chapter President. I have been involved in UUP for 26 years as an activist and representing my fellow union members. We need a strong union in order to enforce the negotiated collective bargaining agreement as well as support our colleagues. A strong union is more important than ever given the current climate and requires a multi-faceted approach involving and activating members. As Chapter President I will work to reach out to our members in order to build the strength and unity needed to represent every member and develop a new generation of leaders for the future of our union. I ask for your vote and support to accomplish these goals. Thank you.

Some of my UUP experience includes:

- Statewide Membership Development Officer - 10 years
- Member of Statewide Executive Board – 12 years
- NYSUT Executive Board Member – 3 years
- UUP Delegate – 26 years
- NYSUT Delegate – 18 years
- AFT Delegate – 18 years
- Chair of two Statewide Committees – Membership and Solidarity
- UUP Representative to the New York State Labor Religion Coalition – 10 years
- Chapter Vice President for Professionals – 6 years
- VOTE/COPE Coordinator – 2 years
- Member of NYSUT Fair Trade Committee – 6 years

Chapter Vice President for Academics and Delegate

Candidate statement from Gene Hammond

I am running for this position because I see grassroots voices, values, and representation being under attack. Our central goal should be to do what is best for the education of our students, and our union should make our voice heard whenever the quality of that education is threatened or chipped away at.

I believe we should stand up jointly and equally for faculty and university professionals on this campus and throughout the SUNY system, and should work closely with the University Senate negotiating with our university administration to protect the quality of a SUNY education. Please join me in voting for the Coalition for Union Reform and Democracy.

Candidate statement from Frederick M Walter

I am standing for re-election as Vice President for Academics of the Stony Brook Chapter of the UUP.

The UUP is first and foremost a bargaining unit and a service union that protects the contractually guaranteed rights of our members against the vicissitudes of an increasingly distant and autocratic administration. Any work actions on the part of the UUP are limited by Section 210 of the "Public Employees' Fair Employment Act" (Article 14 of the New York State Civil Service Law, known as the Taylor Law). Furthermore, as a chapter of a statewide local, the Stony Brook UUP chapter cannot act independently of the state UUP. Within these constraints, the role of the VP for Academics is to provide education and advice on academic matters, to consult with the Chapter President on academic grievances, and work with the statewide VP for Academics. I have also greatly expanded the communications between the UUP and the University Senate.

The post-Janus atmosphere threatens to reduce our power as a bargaining unit. Our UUP chapter is most effective working behind the scenes with sympathetic members of the administration and the New York State Legislature.

In a time when the Stony Brook administration openly disdains the principles of shared governance, and disregards the role of the faculty in setting the educational policies of the university, we must continue to apply pressure to ensure that both the letter and spirit of the Policies of the SUNY Board of Trustees are observed. The UUP must stand together with the Senates to ensure faculty/staff representation in decision-making, to fight for academic freedom, and to maintain ownership of our intellectual property.

Chapter Vice President for Professionals Delegate

Candidate statement from Diane Bello

It's Election Time – make your voice heard!!

Over the past few years we have faced, and will continue to face, many challenges. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Vice President for Professionals these past few years. It would be my privilege to continue serving you and our Chapter as Vice President for Professionals, and I would welcome the opportunity to accept another term with your vote. My goal is to serve and assist members in any way possible, and too continue to transform our chapter and our campus.

For those that are new. . . . and those that are not so new. . . . the union is a great way to get involved, to make a difference and to connect with your co-workers. I have also been fortunate enough to develop many good friendships.

Over my many years of involvement I have served on the College Review Panel (CRP), Community Service Committee, Grievance Officer (Chair), Women's Concern Committee, and now, Vice President for Professionals. I look forward to working together to learn from one another, to continuing to embrace and face our challenges together, and to improving our union and our lives. It takes one person to make change. . . . I want to be a person that works to develop communication and interaction to make experiences positive for all parties. We are all in this together. Together we can make a positive impact on many. Together we can make a difference.

Thank you, Diane Bello

Candidate Statement from Paula Di Pasquale-Alvarez

Our union needs a new leadership team whose common goal is to work together to better represent all members. Our leadership should be obligated to support our diverse membership by providing all members a supportive and safe-space. We don't need leaders who will assist with just grievance issues - we need leadership in our union that truly represents and provides guidance on all workplace issues.

I am running for Vice President for Professionals to help facilitate needed change to our chapter's leadership team. As an employee for Stony Brook University for nearly 27 years, I feel it's my obligation to be involved in our union and our campus community. I feel passionate that this is the appropriate time for me to take a leadership role in our chapter and to improve communications and transparency to members. I also believe that member involvement is necessary to assure that policies and practices are fair and equal to everyone at this University. I currently serve in UUP as a delegate and in University governance as an elected At-Large Senator for both the Arts & Sciences Senate and the University Senate. I also serve on the executive boards to both Senates through my role as the elected West Campus Co-Chair of the Professional Employees Governance Board. I serve/have served on various committees including our UUP chapter's Professional Council, Women's Rights & Concerns and state-wide Disability Rights & Concerns committees. For University governance, I serve/have served on the Campus Environment and Administrative Review committees. Please vote for the Coalition for Union Reform and Democracy.

Chapter Secretary

Candidate statement from Jeffrey Heinz

I came to Stony Brook University after 10 years at the University of Delaware where I was active in its faculty senate and AAUP chapter. Higher education has become increasingly corporatized. Strong unions are needed to fight for fair contracts and for the rights and dignity of all faculty, professionals, and students. I am running for Secretary because I want to see our union better connect with and involve Faculty members across campus. Our union needs to keep clear and transparent records of all the hard work its members engage in, including committee meetings and events, and this information needs to be shared easily and openly with our membership. These are common-sense best practices. Timely communication is critical, and I hope you will vote for myself and the rest of the Coalition for Union Reform and Democracy.

Chapter Treasurer

Candidate statement from Jennifer Jokinen

I came to Stony Brook University in 2015 after 13 years at Hofstra University with the latter 4 years spent as the Managing Director of their faculty union (AAUP Chapter). I want to be sure our union dues are being spent appropriately and transparently with greater input from our members. Our Chapter needs leaders with new energy and ideas who will stand for and with ALL members. Our team of faculty and professionals brings a wealth of knowledge, vast union and organizing experience, and an abundance of strength. I hope the members of our UUP Chapter will allow myself and the rest of the Coalition for Union Reform and Democracy to make our union more inclusive and stronger than it has ever been to fight the challenges ahead. Please vote for the Coalition for Union Reform and Democracy.

Candidate statement from Andrew Manos

My name is Andrew Manos. I was elected Secretary of United University Professions Stony Brook West Campus Chapter in May 2017. Prior to election I served as interim Treasurer for UUP Stony Brook West Campus.

I started at Stony Brook University in April 2010 as a Campus Mechanical Engineer and I earned my B.S.M.E. degree from New York Institute of Technology. I am also currently serving on the UUP Health and Safety Committee for the past 6 years. In addition to my time served with UUP, I am a past president of the Long Island Chapter of ASHRAE (American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers) and I'm currently serving as Regional Vice Chair for the Government Affairs Committee.

I ask for your continued support running for treasurer.

Chapter Officer for Contingents

Candidate statement from Shoshana Hershkowitz

As a part time lecturer at Stony Brook University for the past ten years, I have found communication from UUP to be insufficient. To reach out to other contingents, I intend to hold meetings across campus on different days and at different times throughout the semester, as the schedule of adjuncts is eclectic and varied. I believe that to be an effective Officer for Contingents, our chapter needs a member to serve who is actually a contingent, and can champion the unique and specific needs of this part of our union membership.

Candidate statement from John Shackelford

My name is John Shackelford, Officer for Contingents. My time at Stony Brook began in 1996 as a Graduate Assistant. I have been employed at Stony Brook since my graduation in 1998. I met my wife here, my kids were born in our hospital, I've been actively involved with UUP since 2007 serving in several different officer and committee positions.

In the recently settled UUP contract, we made significant progress, establishing minimum salary rates. We continue to enjoy a benefit package unrivaled in Higher Ed, the 6 credit/6 contact requirement ensures our contingent employees may have access to those benefits. Now that our contract is done, I intend to establish a Contingent Council to monitor and ensure that our campus lives up to its side of the bargaining agreement! My dozen years of involvement in our UUP Chapter has truly been a privilege.

I ask for your continued trust and support. I am a person who values truth and honesty above all. I will continue to work to keep our Administration honest and to keep our contingents concerns at the forefront on campus as well as at the Statewide level. Having earned permanent appointment in 2005 I can freely bring your concerns to management without fear of jeopardizing my employment!

Our campus cannot function without our contingent employees and I will work tirelessly to represent you and all of our Faculty and Staff and ensure that we are all treated with the respect, dignity and appreciation that we deserve.

Sincerely,

John Shackelford

UUP Officer for Contingents.

Chapter Academic Delegates

Candidate statement from Abena Asare

As a delegate, my goal is to ensure that our activities reflects the needs and perspectives of our members, particularly those who are most vulnerable, as we work to strengthen and expand the mission of public education.

Candidate statement from Josh Dubnau

As an Alum of Stony Brook and now many years later a Professor here, I feel a strong connection to this institution and to this community. I am running because we need a union that stands up for all of its members, a union that will fight hard for funding of public education and for transparency in how the funds are spent. We need a union that is not corporatized, a union that will fight for gender and racial justice, for the rights of the LGBTQ community, and to make this a safe place for the immigrant community. We need a union that is more democratic.

Candidate statement from Jennifer Carter

The mission of the university and the education of our students are at stake in the future of our union negotiations here at Stony Brook University and system-wide. In running for Academic Delegate, I am committed to bringing my perspective as a graduate alum of Stony Brook and contingent faculty member to bear on my advocacy for academics and professionals in the ongoing struggle against cuts to education.

Candidate statement from Crystal Fleming

I am running to be a delegate in order to build solidarity with other faculty and professionals who would like to see our union take a stronger stance in support of our collective interests and needs.

Candidate statement from Gene Hammond

I am running as a delegate because I see grassroots voices, values, and representation being under attack. We should make our voice heard whenever the quality of our student's education is threatened or chipped away at. I believe we should stand up for diversity of all kinds, on this campus and throughout the SUNY system, and we should work closely with the University Senate negotiating with our university administration to protect and enhance the quality of a SUNY education.

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Candidate statement from Shoshana Hershkowitz

I am running for Delegate to improve communication from UUP and bring the perspective of a neglected part of our membership, contingents, to our union. I believe that our chapter needs to champion the unique and specific needs of this part of our union membership.

Candidate statement from Sophie Leroy

Having fought for years at departmental level and through senate committees to ensure the notion of self-governance be preserved and reinforced, I want to continue this fight at UUP-level so we, faculty and staff, feel like the union is on our side and remembers that its mission is to protect our common interests and dignity. As a delegate I will advocate for solidarity between members of the SBU community and accountability from the administration.

Candidate statement from Celia Marshik

With higher education attacked and under-funded, it's crucial to strengthen faculty/staff unions and to find creative ways solve problems. I'm a candidate for delegate because I want to help advocate for the resources SBU needs to do right by our students and the union members who teach and guide them.

Candidate statement from Liz Montegary

I am running because I believe strong unions are key to protecting public education. I am honored to work as a queer studies professor at a public university, and I believe it is my duty to fight for gender, racial, and sexual justice on our campus and across the SUNY system.

Candidate statement from Joseph Pierce

I believe in a public university that is engaged with ongoing struggles for racial, gender, and sexual justice, Indigenous sovereignty, and immigrant community-building. As a delegate, I will be a fierce advocate for these issues, as well as for the collective voice of union members.

Candidate statement from Michael Rubenstein

I believe in the idea of the university as a public institution. I believe that the faculty, staff and students are both the means and the ends – if not the only ends – of the university. Building union strength seems to me to be an ethical duty entailed by the position I hold.

Candidate statement from Francesca Spedalieri

I am running because I want to build a fiercer union for a stronger Stony Brook. I believe in a union that challenges the rise of the precariat in public education, builds strong bonds of solidarity between all of its members, and fights against ableism and for racial, gender, and sexual justice.

Candidate statement from Brian St. Pierre

I am an adjunct in the School of Professional Development. Having been involved in organized labor within local, state, and nationwide circles I've come to see that unions who focus on member organizing and collective action achieve the greatest gains for their membership. I hope to engage more deeply in that work at Stony Brook.

Candidate statement from F. Jason Torre

As an active member of the Stony Brook Center Chapter community since 2001, I rise again to ask you to support my candidacy for another term as Academic Delegate and member of our Executive Board.

Throughout this last term, I have served our chapter community locally as an Academic Delegate and Executive Board member, and served our statewide union family as Assistant Chief Negotiator to UUP Statewide Contract Negotiations Team. Serving in these dual roles has afforded me the opportunity to complete much but there is more work to be done.

The challenges and issues facing us as we move forward as a community are great. Balancing the unique needs and nature of our campus with those of the larger SUNY system are even more important. My experiences have taught me that there is strength and position in the balanced approach of quiet diplomacy in our daily, advocacy work coupled with making our unified and collective voices heard; there is strength and position in working with the alliances we have developed on and off campus to face crisis's; there is strength and position in developing a legislative agenda in support of our principles to fight injustice and discrimination; and, there is strength and position in a unified chapter set to common goals and purpose.

It has been an honor to serve along side our dedicated and committed chapter leadership. If elected to the position of Academic Delegate, I promise to honor your vote by continuing to serve the needs of all our membership in a fair and equitable manner for the benefit of all.

Candidate statement from Michael Zweig

I ask for your vote to reelect me as a UUP Delegate in our Chapter and UUP Delegate to our affiliates NYSUT and AFT. I want to continue building the strongest union defense of our working conditions and SUNY's public higher education and work with the new generation of activists coming to the fore in our union.

Chapter Professional Delegate

Candidate statement from Dominique Barone

I'm running for Professional Delegate in hopes of making a difference for the members of a community I've belonged to for nearly half my life. As a two time alum, a professional who has held positions on both East & West Campus, and now as an elected West Campus Professional At-Large Senator, I have multiple vantage-points in which to view the University and have a good feel of "the big picture." I ask for your vote and will work hard to represent faculty and professionals for the betterment of our community.

Candidate statement from Alissa Betz

I ask for your support for me to continue to serve as professional delegate. Serving as a delegate, I can be the voice of fellow professionals, relaying our concerns and helping to work towards positive solutions. I feel it is important to be active and involved in our union so that we have a united voice. I have previously served in our union as Vice President for Professionals, Treasurer and as the chair to the Social Committee. I currently serve in University governance as a senator for the Arts & Sciences Senate and have been a part of the campus community for 16 years. Please vote for the Coalition for Union Reform and Democracy.

Candidate statement from Marlene Brennan

As a nominee for Professional Delegate in the upcoming election, I ask for your vote. I have served United University Professions (UUP) as Treasurer, Delegate, Department Rep, Workshop Presenter and Chair of the College Review Panel and have been an active member of the SBU Academic Judiciary Committee. I am currently serving as the alternate Grievance Officer for UUP. I count on your vote to allow me to continue to serve the members of our Chapter.

Candidate statement from Dawson E. Cooper II

As a two-time alum of Stony Brook University, I feel a personal connection and obligation to give back to this institution, to fight for gender equity and a more inclusive work environment, so that our working conditions do not hinder student learning, but rather, inspire it.

Candidate statement from Rosalia Davi

Throughout my career, I have advocated for increased access to higher education and economic mobility for all students. In my current role at SBU, I support underrepresented and underrepresented minority students in achieving their dream of pursuing a graduate degree. I am running as a Delegate because I feel more needs to be done in order to build a truly diverse and inclusive campus community. I want to be a part of this important work, and UUP is a great place to start.

Candidate statement from Lisa Dimone

I am committed to truly representing the issues and needs of the Stony Brook community and building a strong and connected UUP. The only way to build engagement is to become engaged. Long Island is an underrepresented area in Albany but union involvement can change this. It's time to make our union feel like home and belong to us.

Candidate statement from Paula Di Pasquale-Alvarez

As an employee for Stony Brook University for nearly 27 years, I feel it's my obligation to be involved in our union and our campus community. It would be an honor to continue doing my part in representing our members by continuing to serve as a delegate. Running for Professional Delegate will provide me the opportunity to represent my fellow Non-Teaching Professionals, to assure that our voice is heard and that our concerns and needs are met. Other ways in which I serve the campus community is through University governance. Please vote for the Coalition for Union Reform and Democracy.

Candidate statement from Jackie Donnelly

As a Stony Brook graduate alum and professional employee for over 10 years, I ask for your vote as I feel a personal connection to Stony Brook and I am fully invested in its future as a progressive and diverse workplace. Member-driven unions are essential to protecting the integrity of public education and securing a collective voice for all to be heard.

Candidate statement from Odalis Hernandez

As an Alumni and professional, I've seen our workforce pushed to its limit, and I wish our Union did more. Since WE are the Union, I am running for delegate. I've worked to better SBU and my students for over 12 years; it's time to work for the betterment of my colleagues.

Candidate statement from Jennifer Jokinen

I am running for Delegate because our Chapter needs leaders with new energy and ideas who will stand for and with ALL members. Our union needs to uplift new voices and embrace the ideas new members have to offer. We need to be more inclusive and stronger than ever to fight the challenges ahead.

Candidate Statement from John Leone

Hi I'm John Leone and I am running to be one of your Delegates.

I've been active in UUP for about a year. Became part of our local Communications committee, and then developed the UUP Swiper Attendance system for the chapter. Became a member of the state wide membership committee. And also, have gone to 3 UUP Delegate Assemblies.

Been doing the work of a delegate without the title. For those of you that know me, realize that the same diligence and niceness that I bring to desktop support, I will put forth to this new endeavor.

Thanks,
In Solidarity,
John

Candidate statement from Craig Markson

As a nominee for Professional Delegate in the upcoming election, I ask for your support. I have been working for Stony Brook University for over 18 years. In that time, I served as an academic advisor, off campus program coordinator and director, assistant dean, and currently, I am the Interim Director of the Educational Leadership Post-Master's Degree Program and Lecturer. I have a history of collaborating with multiple stakeholders both on and off campus and I am eager to serve you.

Candidate Statement from Charlie McAteer

My name is Charlie McAteer and I am running for Chapter Professional Delegate. I worked at Stony Brook University for 37 years prior to retiring as a Professional in the Campus Planning, Design & Construction group. I have lived on Long Island my whole life, and am a proud product of the SUNY system in both my undergrad., graduate work and professional training. I have held several chapter officer positions (Treasurer, Vice President for Professionals & Officer for Retirees) and UUP statewide committee assignments (Outreach, Finance and Task Force for Retiree Issues). I have had the honor of receiving statewide awards for Advocacy & Organizing from two organizations (UUP's Judy Wishnia Advocacy Award and the AARP-NY Organizer of the Year for Statewide Legislative Advocacy Program).

This brief Biography shows I am committed to working and excelling in the things I do for my organizations and that is what I plan on doing for You at Stony Brook as a UUP Professional Delegate. I proudly worked to create and edit the Happy PayDay email information sharing communications method to keep our members informed of what's happening and abreast of your benefits. I look to continue my attendance at chapter Executive Board as well as the Fall & Spring Delegate Assemblies.

I ask for your support for my candidacy as a UUP Chapter Professional Delegate. I look forward to representing our collective interests as UUP Professionals both here at Stony Brook and up in Albany with UUP's statewide structure. I will look to work with our UUP Chapter Officers helping advocate for our issues and communicating important information when we receive it.

I ask for your Vote. Thank you!!

Charlie McAteer

Candidate statement from Alysse Kavanagh

I am running as a Delegate to support the members of UUP by advocating for them and informing them of their rights. We are here to serve the students but we deserve equal representation, fair pay, and access to funding that enables one to do their job efficiently and effectively. I hope to be involved in the development of policy surrounding Title IX that promotes safety and security of all members of the Stony Brook Community.

Candidate statement from Nicholas Koridis

Sr. Special Project Manager/Code Enforcement Official, Facilities & Services

As a member of Stony Brook University for nearly 40 years working on campus, I ask for your support to vote me in as State-wide Professional Delegate. I want to thank you for your support as a member of UUP for the last 21 years formally a member of CSEA and PEF. I have served on several committees in the local chapter and State-wide committees. I am the Co-Chair of the State-wide Future of Public Higher Education Committee, Chair of the SBU Chapter Health and Safety Committee, NYSUT Health and Safety State-wide Committee representing UUP, UUP Joint Labor Management Committee on Safety and Health, NYSUT Representative Assembly Delegate, and AFT Delegate. My former other responsibilities and experience in UUP was the Co-Chair of the State-wide "Technology Issues Committee", Department Representative, UUP Leadership Training, Special Leadership Training, served on the CCPE Committee, participate in Legislative Outreach Programs, UUP Advocacy in support of SUNY Stony Brook, served as EAP Representative prior to becoming the Chair of the Health and Safety Committee and Photographer for many campus activities as well as UUP events at the local chapter and some State-wide. Participated as a presenter at the SUNY Conference on Instruction & Technology (CIT) partnering with UUP on Intellectual Property, Online Learning and Communications. I ask for your support in the upcoming election as Professional Delegate to represent you all as sisters and brothers in solidarity for our campus for the next two years. Please vote for me by submitting your ballot that will be mailed to your home as I look forward to serve you and our members in UUP.

Sincerely, Nick Koridis

Candidate statement from Ed Quinn

I am running for UUP delegate to continue to represent the Stony Brook Chapter and its members and advocate for their needs and concerns. I have been involved in UUP for over 25 years as an activist and representing my fellow union members. We need a strong union in order to enforce the negotiated collective bargaining agreement as well as support our colleagues. As a delegate I will continue to advocate for our members' both within UUP and to the larger labor movement and work to make a better University community. I ask for your vote.

Candidate statement from Andrew Solar-Greco

Unions and Public Higher Education are under attack, and our chapter needs to uphold our contract, defend its membership beyond contractual issues, and organize strategically to ensure this union and institution are resilient for years to come. We need new union leadership that is willing to embrace fresh ideas. The issues we face as a chapter need to be resolved by member-driven participation, not by a few individuals behind closed doors. As an Alumni, I feel a calling to improve this institution and I hope to be a part of this effort as a Delegate.

Candidate statement from Pamela Wolfskill

My name is Pamela Wolfskill and I have served as a Delegate since 2001 and once again ask for your support. I have the experience and knowledge to meet the current challenges facing professionals at Stony Brook. That is why I seek **YOUR** vote again to serve as Delegate in ways that benefit **YOU**, the members of UUP. Together, we must advocate and fight for our students, our hospital and our jobs. Throughout my tenure at the University, I have served in many capacities including Chapter Secretary, Chapter Membership Development Officer, coordinating our UUP Department Representative Program and working on timely work related programs for UUP Professionals — all to help develop our membership. On a statewide level I have served diligently on the Women's Rights and Concerns committee promoting and supporting education and outreach with a focus on Women's issues. Most recently I was elected as the University Senate Secretary/Treasurer, Statewide Senator and University Affairs chair. The union is for everyone and I would foster the involvement of anyone interested in being involved. If elected it would be my honor to continue to work for a collegial work environment for professionals.

Candidate statement from Chuck Wrigley

I ask for your vote for Stony Brook Professional Delegate to the statewide Delegate Assembly where I have served the chapter for the past 30 years. I promise to continue to be an outspoken advocate on all issues of concern to the professional members of our chapter. Thank you.

Candidate Statement from Marth Ruth Zadok

I have been a member of our campus community for 17 years. I am running as a delegate because I believe in what the union stands for. We are strong when we work together and together we can move mountains, we can serve our colleagues and protect ourselves during hard times. I care so much about education and having a strong support in our union can ease our minds so we can focus on our mission to educate young minds. I currently serve as a senator for the University Senate.

Please vote for the Coalition for Union Reform and Democracy

With gratitude,
Martha Ruth Zadok

Officer for Retirees

Candidate statement from Arthur Shertzer

I am Arty Shertzer...I am running for the Officer for Retirees. Since my retirement two+ years ago, I have noticed a few issues that need to be addressed.

1. Payment methods to UUP and NYSUT Central. Many things that we need to pay for such as membership and vision/dental and insurance need to be payable via credit/debit cards. The Benefits Office needs to become modernized to make it easier to pay what we owe, as well as keeping us updated on important time frames and deadlines.
2. Cobra. If you and your spouse are retired, COBRA works fine, however, if your spouse/partner is still active, you don't need to do COBRA, you can receive your vision/dental under your spouse for free! This needs to be included in retiree orientation/ info sessions.
3. Parking and email privileges. It seems like the day after you leave, you cease to exist. It would be nice if we could all be treated a little nicer, and perhaps retain our .edu emails and parking privileges.
4. If elected I will work to make our biannual retirees luncheon even more interesting with topical speakers and information and...great food!
5. I would also work to make our pre-retirement workshops more informative, as well as sending information to all our members highlighting the importance of supplemental accounts and paying attention to their pension plans.
6. And, of course, as in the past, I will be available to you to answer your concerns and questions!

Thank you for your past support and I hope you will continue to have confidence in me to look out for your best interests!

Candidate statement from Charles Wrigley

I ask for your vote for Officer for Retirees for our chapter. I have been active in UUP as an employee and have continued serving the chapter in retirement. As the chapter's retiree representative, I will attend the regional retiree meetings and the retiree meetings at the Delegate Assembly and report back on issues of interest to our retirees. Thank you.