

AFT Local 6262 - Executive Board Meeting

Location: Zoom

May 4, 2024

Attendees: Dan Portillo, Aaron Silverman, Jessica Small, Kelly Spillman, Frank de los Reyes, and Pete Virgadamo

Absent: John Francis and Anthony Clayton [both joined us later in the Open Session]

Guests: 1

Dan Portillo, the president of AFT Local 6262, began the Open Session of our meeting at 1:08 pm. After the agenda was amended and approved, Dan welcomed our guests and Ruth Rassool spoke about several important issues.

Ruth Rassool – first talked about the Academic Integrity Task Force

- this group focuses on the use of AI and its impact on faculty
- students cannot use AI unless it is authorized by the institution [College of the Canyons]
- a concrete policy will be a problem as AI evolves
- we are developing campus policies on A
- but can foresee that there will be problems with student conduct
- as well as administrative failures
- it is up to the faculty to report problems
- which will be a burden to adjunct faculty
- there will be new guidelines and procedures on how to handle student misconduct
- it is best to put the new policies in your syllabus

Jessica Small – asked if there will be an orientation on the student use of AI

Frank de los Reyes – What will happen if we report it?

Ruth Rassool – stated that the administration lacks the resources to complete the process in a semester

Kelly Spillman – joined the discussion on getting an orientation for the adjuncts

- stating there will be extra work for adjunct faculty
- such as meetings, emails, discussions, etc.

Jessica Small – asked about Canvas and the use of institutional materials

Ruth Rassool – stated that students are not disciplined when it comes to AI

- when a problem is reported to the administration
- they will claim there is no ‘due process’ in a timely manner

Ruth Rassool – next talked about the Education Teaching Committee

- stating that there will be classes and workshops
- on AI through Professional Development
- this will be a good resource as this issue evolves
- in the semesters ahead

Dan Portillo – deferred his report to the Closed Session

Aaron Silverman - Vice President of Negotiations

- provided an update on our negotiations for a new contract
- we have finalized the articles for sunshining to the Board of Trustees
- about ten or so articles were sent to them

Kelly Spillman - Vice President of Grievances

- reported there are no updates on the current grievances

Jessica Small - Vice President of Membership [deferred her report to the Closed Session]

Anthony Clayton - Vice President of Member Action

- talked about the profiles for members of the Executive Board
- he is working on these for our website
- it is still a work in progress in regard to content
- he also mentioned the AFT scholarships but deferred to the Closed Session
- where he will provide more details

John Francis - Vice President of Outreach [joined us later]

Pete Virgadamo – Secretary

- stated that the minutes are up to date
- John has posted them on our website
- he also spoke about helping Anthony with the scholarships.

After Pete’s report, **President Dan Portillo** adjourned the Open Session of our meeting at 1:36 pm and scheduled the next meeting of our Executive Board for Saturday, June 29th, at 1 pm.