

UFF Chapter Agenda

April 19, 2024

- I. Welcome
- II. Introductions
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. President's Report (20 minutes):
 - A. Recognition of new officers and committee members
 - 1) New officer: we welcome Vice President Adriana Novoa; we thank Arthur Shapiro for his service. President Steve Lang, Secretary Greg McColm, and Treasurer Sonia Wohlmuth continue to serve.
 - 2) New senators: we welcome new senators Angad Dang, Dana Dorsey, Justin Henry, and John Liontas. We thank Oskar Bernard, Matthew Knight, LaSonya Moore, Vic Peppard, Frank Pyrtle III, Steve Reader, Geveryl Robinson, Brian Thompson, and Brian Turnbull for their service. Leon Hardy, Steve Lang, Richard Manning, Greg McColm, Cynthia Patterson, Steve Permuth, Scott Perry, Arthur Shapiro, and Sonia Wohlmuth continue to serve. *We still have senate vacancies, we still need three more volunteers. Meanwhile, the website will be updated shortly, with contact pages for officers and representatives.*
 - 3) New delegates: we welcome new delegates Justin Henry, Steve Lang, Cynthia Patterson, Steve Permuth, Scott Perry, and Arthur Shapiro. We thank Geveryl Robinson and Frank Pyrtle III for their service. Leon Hardy, Richard Manning, Greg McColm, Scott Perry, and Arthur Shapiro continue to serve.

4) New chairs: we welcome new Bargaining co-Chairs Richard Manning and Ed Mitchell and new Membership Chair Arthur Shapiro. We remember former Bargaining Chair Bob Welker and we thank former Membership Chair Debra Sinclair for her service. Government Relations Chair Josh Rayman, Grievance Chair Karin Braunsberger, and Publicity Chair Greg McColm continue to serve.

B. Plans for Meet Ups

April - AAUP Day of Action

May – Everyone should attend a department or college meeting

June – Monday the 3rd before the BOT meeting (4th)

July – TBA, Rowdies or Rays family social

August – TBA, back to school outing to park, picnic, etc.

September 2 – West Central Florida Federation of Labor's Labor Day Picnic

September – Labor Council

November 1 – Tailgate at FAU game

C. Certification application is submitted – now working on membership

D. Opportunities this summer

April 22 Stewards:

<https://secure.ngpvan.com/kfL3lUk2ok2ds2H1iMeBBA2>

Scholarships: Please share this information with your members and as a membership organizing tool for your chapter.

AFT: The Robert G Porter Scholarship

[Scholarships | American Federation of Teachers \(aft.org\)](https://www.aft.org/scholarships)

Union Plus: The Union Plus Scholarship

[Union Plus Scholarships for Union Members and Their Children | Union Plus](#)

NEA-Retired: The Jack Kinnaman Scholarship for Aspiring Educators

<https://www.nea.org/resource-library/jack-kinnaman-scholarship>

Grants: The Disability Rights and Inclusion (DRI) program at NEA is currently accepting grant applications from local affiliates through May 15, 2024. Local affiliates are strongly encouraged to apply for grants of up to \$25,000 to support initiatives promoting disability rights and inclusion. This is an opportunity to support local leaders and members working to advance accessibility and equity for students and educators with disabilities. The grant program landing page with more information can be found here: [Disability Rights and Inclusion \(DRI\) Coalition Grant | NEA](#)

Summer Academy: <https://feaweb.org/summer-academy/>

E. ULP Report

V. New business

- A. Adriana recommendations for membership (20 minutes)
- B. June 4 BOT Meeting
- C. Bob's records are scanned; we need help with office files

VI. Committee Reports

A. Membership (Art)

- 1) 4 meetups (monthly over the summer)
- 2) Snail Mail to previous members who have not signed up for Edues (they have already been called and emailed).
- 3) Materials for UFF members to handout and discuss at end-of-year meetings and socials.

- 4) Letters and invitations to new faculty coming to USF
- 5) Tables and introductions at New Faculty Orientation this summer
- 6) New flyers about benefits and union contracts going up on walls and bulletin boards
- 7) Intro to UFF video for our social media and website
- 8) Targeted meetings with local legislators and guest speakers
- 9) Training sessions about grievances and union actions - video if possible

B. Grievances (Karin)

C. Budget (Sonia)

D. Government Relations (Josh)

Summer is a good time to visit local politicians

E. Contract and Bargaining (Richard)

VII. Vote to adjourn