



**10 April 2024**

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## **A Social for the AAUP Day of Action**

You are invited to join the UFF USF Chapter for a social on **April 17 from 5 pm to 8 pm at the [New World Tampa Brewery / Restaurant](#) in Tampa at [810 E Skagway Ave.](#) (just southwest of the intersection of Fowler and Nebraska).**

The occasion is the AAUP's [Day of Action](#), and this is a chance to meet with some of the (newly elected and re-elected) chapter leadership and talk about challenges facing USF faculty and professionals, the union, and the university.

## **Election Returns**

For the four elected office positions, Steve Lang was re-elected president, Adriana Novoa was elected vice president, Greg McColm was re-elected secretary, and Sonia Wohlmuth was re-elected treasurer.

The chapter elected twelve senators (and President Lang serves ex officio): Angad Dang, Dana Thompson Dorsey, Leon Hardy, Justin Henry, John Lontas, Richard Manning, Greg McColm, Cynthia Patterson, Steve Permuth, Scott Perry, Arthur Shapiro, and Sonia Wohlmuth. The senators represent the chapter at the biannual meetings of the UFF Senate.

The chapter elected ten delegates : Leon Hardy, Justin Henry, Steve Lang, Richard Manning, Greg McColm, Cynthia Patterson, Steve Permuth, Scott Perry, Arthur Shapiro, and Brian Turnbull. The delegates represent UFF at the annual meetings of the Florida Education Association.

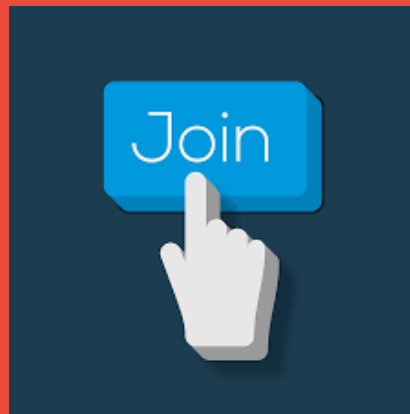
The ballots were counted at the 5 April 2024 Chapter meeting and details are in [the minutes](#).

We have seven vacancies in our Senate delegation. The Chapter Council asks for volunteers: anyone interested in serving should contact [the Chapter Secretary](#).

## Two Corrections We Wish We Didn't Have to Make

The [last Biweekly](#) was a bit too positive. First, [a bill](#) prohibiting identity politics, systemic racism, sexism, etc. in teacher preparation and related courses did pass after all. Second, towards the end of the March 26 Board of Governors meeting there was a discussion about reviving the diversity survey mandated by [House Bill 233 / Senate Bill 264](#) in 2021.

On a depressing note, [one bill that passed](#) this spring restricts contacts with "foreign countries of concern," which the law lists: China, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia, Syria, and "the Venezuelan regime of Nicolas Madero". This list does not appear to come from the [U.S. State Department](#), so perhaps Florida now has its own foreign policy.



## Union Membership

If you are not a union member, please [join today](#) (the form connects automatically to the eDues form, so you will want to have your banking information or checkbook information handy). We are stronger standing together in solidarity.

## Remember

NOTE: The USF-UFF Chapter website is <http://www.uff.ourusf.org>, and our e-mail address is [uff@ourusf.org](mailto:uff@ourusf.org).

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