

United Teachers of Dade  
2200 Biscayne Boulevard  
Miami, Florida 33137

UTD Executive Board Meeting  
May 21, 2009

### **Approved Minutes**

This regular meeting of the UTD Executive Board was called to order by President Aronowitz at approximately 4:45 p.m.

**Present:** Karen Aronowitz, Artie Lechner, Fedrick C. Ingram, Sony Ambroise, Linda Cohen, Joyce Cook, Joan Cortez, Willette Cruse, Beverley Dowell, Peggy Green, Peter Hill, Cassandra Holmes, Paul Moore, Thomas Nunn, Maggie Palmer, Shirley Person, David Prince, Chris Radney, Ingrid Robledo, Wendi Werther, Sharon Williams, Angie Gonzalez.

**Absent:** Valarie Johnson (excused) Magda Brooks (excused) Pablo Gomez (unexcused) Paul Moore (unexcused)

**Adoption of Agenda:** It was moved by Peggy Green and properly seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried with one opposed.

### **Agenda**

#### **President's Report: Karen Aronowitz**

President Aronowitz reminded Board members of the Executive Board strategic planning meeting which has been scheduled for June 8, from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. at UTD.

Mr. David Moss, member of the Steward(s) Financial Oversight Committee, was scheduled to give and 2<sup>nd</sup> and third quarter report, but he is running late and will give the report at the Council of Stewards meeting (a copy of the report is in the Board folders).

#### ***Council of Stewards Briefing***

President Aronowitz briefed the Executive Board members on all of the topics that will be covered this evening at the Council of Stewards meeting.

#### **Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Fedrick C. Ingram**

*Financial Management Review (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2008-2009, January, February  
And March 2009 and Year-to-Date)*

Secretary/Treasurer Ingram gave a summary of the key financial points in the reports and highlighted the achievements in the report. Mr. Ingram also stated that as of March we had 17,063 members, FTE's totaled 13, 512.

#### ***Selection of Auditing Firm for 2008-2009: Bellows and Associates***

Secretary/Treasurer Ingram stated that as recommended by President Aronowitz, that we change auditing firms every 4-5 years, we have interviewed three firms.

Ms. Gladys Podnar reported that UTD had met and interviewed three auditing firms, and after conducting a proper screening process, checking out references and interviewing all firms involved, it was the recommendation that the firm of Bellows and Associates be recommended to

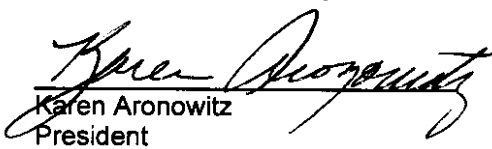
the Board. Ms. Podnar reiterated that all the firms interviewed were excellent, credentials were reviewed and they were all qualified and very professional, but the firm of Bellows and Associates had more experience with Unions and with HUD.

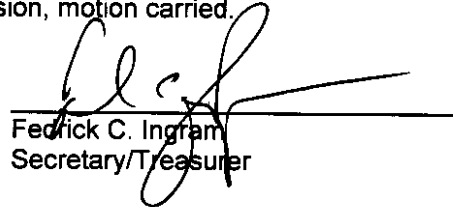
Secretary/Treasurer Ingram reported that he was very impressed with the level of experience Bellows and Associates had in Unions matters and HUD related issues – and their fee for services was the lowest. It is the recommendation of the Secretary/Treasurer to hire the firm of Bellows and Associates as the UTD Auditing firm for 2009-2010.

It was moved by Peggy Green and properly seconded to have the firm of Bellows and Associates as the UTD Auditing firm for 2009-2010. After discussion, motion carried.

**Adjournment**

In light of the starting time of the Council of Stewards meeting, it was moved by Peggy Green and properly seconded to adjourn the meeting. After discussion, motion carried.

  
Karen Aronowitz  
President

  
Fredrick C. Ingram  
Secretary/Treasurer