

News Item from State APSCUF

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APSCUF, Other Unions Attend Informational Meeting

PASSHE Discusses Possible 'Retirement Incentive Package'

APSCUF, along with other unions with collective bargaining agreements with PASSHE, attended an informational meeting Friday at the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg.

Designed to "explore specific workforce cost control options," the meeting had been scheduled following a closed teleconference meeting of the PASSHE Board of Governors on Feb. 2.

The State APSCUF Executive Council, Negotiations Committee, and Legislative Assembly approved parameters for APSCUF's participation in the meeting.

Representing the organization at the event were State President Steve Hicks, APSCUF Contract Department Head Mary Rita Duvall-Quinn, and Harrisburg attorney David O'Leary.

Following an introductory session including all meeting participants, the various unions were assigned to "breakout rooms." There, management personnel shared information regarding a possible retirement incentive package.

Managers speaking to the APSCUF contingent included Michael Mottola, assistant vice chancellor for labor relations; Dr. Francine McNairy, president of Millersville University; Dr. David Soltz, president of Bloomsburg University; Dr. William Williams, provost of Slippery Rock University; Ms. Geraldine Jones, provost at California University; Ms. Lois Johnson, associate vice chancellor for administration and finance; and Dr. James Moran, vice

chancellor for academic and student affairs.

"After an overview of the program, the managers outlined who would be eligible **if** such an incentive package would be available," Hicks said.

Hicks noted that many logistics of any potential incentive program would still have to be worked out, and that APSCUF was not committed to any program.

"We have a collective bargaining agreement, and that agreement remains in full force and effect until June 30, 2011," Hicks said.

APSCUF leaders, including the Executive Council and Chapter Presidents, are slated to conduct a conference call late Friday. Additional information could be forthcoming this weekend.