



Teacher Education Task Force

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The Task Force reports to UUP President Fred Kowal and the UUP statewide Executive Board*

Task Force Member Responsibilities/Expectations

Participate in TF discussions via e-mail, conference calls and webinars

The primary expectation is that TF members will respond to the chair's call for information and advice, and participate in the group's e-mail exchanges and conference calls/webinars. When we have a conference call/webinar, more than one session is scheduled over the course of a few days to maximize everyone's ability to participate. Notes from each session are compiled into a single report that is sent to the entire task force.

Attend in-person meetings whenever possible

TF members are not expected to attend every in-person meeting. We don't want the inability to attend out-of-town meetings to prevent you from serving on the TF if you can help in other ways.

We hold TF meetings at UUP Delegate Assemblies, since that provides an easy opportunity to get a group of TF members together. We may call one or two special Task Force meetings in Albany each year. We also try to have one or more regional teacher education meetings, hosted by chapters.

Communicate concerns, ideas, and suggestions

Task Force members can communicate with the chair and the task force as a whole at any time. Webinars/calls can be set up on relatively short notice if something requires immediate attention.

Respond to the chair's request for information

Sometimes TF members have access to needed information and sometimes they don't. It's very important for TF members to respond when a request for information is put out by the chair. If we know TF members can't provide the information, we can explore other possibilities for getting it.

Help keep your UUP chapter informed & communicating with statewide officers

Members at the chapter level need to know what we're doing at the state-level. State-level work should be informed by input from our members. Ways for TF members to help include:

- Attending chapter Executive Board meetings to keep the chapter leadership informed;
- Writing announcements about UUP's teacher education activities for chapter newsletters and websites;
- Writing articles about teacher education issues chapter newsletters and websites (and ask colleagues to do this too);
- Asking chapter officers to share UUP's official communications (e.g., fliers, announcements, fact sheets) about teacher education through chapter tools such as e-mails, newsletters, and websites.
- Asking chapter officers to include teacher ed. developments on chapter meeting agendas.
- Reporting UUP information at department/unit meetings

Help facilitate UUP's advocacy for teacher education

Task force members are asked to help communicate with teacher education colleagues about our need for members to get involved as UUP advocates for teacher education with the Regents, the State Education Department, and legislators. UUP works with **New York State United Teachers** on advocacy items.

The Teacher Education Task Force web page on the UUP website makes documents and other information readily available to all: <http://uupinfo.org/committees/teached/taskforce.php>