

Resolution: Unemployment Insurance Eligibility for Adjuncts

Whereas, adjuncts are grossly underpaid, and often struggle financially, and

Whereas, the letters of reappointment typically proffered by CUNY departments are highly contingent, and frequently result in no schedule of classes offered to adjuncts, and

Whereas, in 1989 in *Cervisi vs. Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board*, the Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled that instructors were entitled to unemployment insurance since “an assignment based upon enrollment, funding, or program changes is not a ‘reasonable assurance’ of employment,” and

Whereas, this suit, establishing the right of adjuncts to collect unemployment insurance between semesters, represents a precedent for adjuncts to have this right, and

Whereas, an often voiced complaint of adjuncts at the 9 March 2001 Hearing on Adjunct Issues held by members of the New York State Assembly, Edward Sullivan and Cathy Nolan, was the economic hardship caused by the inability to collect unemployment compensation; therefore be it

Resolved, that the PSC supports the right of CUNY adjuncts to collect unemployment insurance between semesters, and be it further

Resolved, that the PSC calls upon NYSUT to seek legislation that enables adjuncts to be eligible for unemployment insurance between semesters, and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT seek immediately to amend A. 7328 (Nolan) and S. 2954 (Spano) to include higher-education adjuncts.

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Passed: Delegate Assembly 6/14/01