Delegate Assembly Minutes
March 14, 2019

Present:

BATSON  EC  WOLLMAN  BAR  HOVEY  JJ  MEDINA  MCC
BOWEN    EC  GUISHARD  BCC  MAMELI  JJ  NAVARATNE MCC
DAVIS    EC  BARNETT  C  MARKOWITZ JJ  OFFENHOLLEY MCC
DIEUDONNE EC  FEIGENBERG  C  PINELLO  JJ  LOGUERCIO NYCT
ELLIOTT-NEGRI EC  CARAGIULO  CCO  PITTMAN JJ  NGANA NYCT
FEELEY   EC  BATIZ  CLT  SEXTON  JJ  RUDDEN NYCT
GREENBAUM EC  GRACIA  CLT  CALLY  KCC  SHEPARD NYCT
LEBERSTEIN EC  JEU  CLT  SEMAL  KCC  BUCHSBAUM Q
LEWIS    EC  RICHARDSON CLT  ALEXANDER L  CLINGAN QCC
MAJUMDAR EC  SHERMAN  CLT  AUSLANDER L  ROSENTHAL QCC
MELTZER  EC  HARAKAWA  GS  CAMPBELL L  STARK QCC
PERSINGER EC  KAGAN  GS  FARRELL L  DISALVO RET
SPEAR    EC  SWEATTE  GS  MELLEN L  FRIEDHEIM RET
TYNER-MULLINGS EC  DUDEK  H  CONNERS LGCC  HYLAND RET
UTAKIS   EC  STEINBERG  HCC  DURAND LGCC  KOTELCHUCK RET
VASQUEZ  EC  BINK  HEO  EGGER-SIDER LGCC  LILLY RET
VAZQUEZ  EC  CHITTY  HEO  SEO LGCC  MORAN RET
WINTER   EC  DEMPSTER  HEO  YOJENS LGCC  PERLSTEIN RET
HASHMI  B  GALLAGHER  HEO  CARRERA-JUNCO MCC  HANSEN Y
MANLOW  B  HARRINGTON  HEO  DONOSO MACAYA MCC  SHEARIN PATTERSON Y
WILLS   B  MATOS  HEO  FREAS MCC  SHEIDLOWER Y
CIOFFI  BAR  OKROSY  HEO  GAMBS MCC  WEISBLATT Y
DIGIROLAMO BAR  STEWART  HEO  GRONOWICZ MCC
ELLIS    BAR  CLARKE  JJ  HUTCHISON MCC
WINE    BAR  EPSTEIN  JJ  KURTZ MCC

Guests:

Lara Beaty (LGCC), Latoya Cameron (MEOC), Sami Disu (JJ), Antonica James (C), Carol Lang (BCC), Marcia Newfield (RET), Elizabeth Rosalen (BCC), Laurdes Rosario (BCC), Lori Rothstein (GS), Ruth Wangerin (L), Kate Wayler (KCC),

PSC Staff:

Alladin, Faye  Graf, Brian  Moore, Faye  Rasiotis, Sam
Bell, Debbie  Guzman, Jorge  Paul, Ari  Rosato, Diana
Brown, Tiffany Lasher, Renee  Paul Eric  Young, Patricia
Cheng, Ida  Lashley, Kim  Pfordresher, Kate  Zauderer, Naomi
Gabriel, Barbara Lewis, Sam  Powell, Emma  Zwiebach, Pete
I. Approvals

A. Agenda

MOTION: To move the Resolution item before the Administrative Items if a quorum is achieved (Motion: B. Friedheim; Seconded) APPROVED.

MOTION: To accept the agenda as amended: (Motion: S. Sheidlower; Seconded.) APPROVED.

B. Minutes

MOTION: To accept the February minutes. (Motion: J. Greenbaum; Seconded.) APPROVED.

II. President’s Report and Discussion -- B. Bowen

- Today’s Contract Actions – The Wake-up Call at Cuomo’s office and the Press Conference/Rally at City Hall were very successful, with several hundred members at each. At City Hall, the labor speakers, including Vinny Alvarez of the CLC, Henry Garrido of DC 37, and Janella Hinds of UFT, expressed support, including support for the PSC’s demand for an increase in adjunct pay.

- Bargaining Update – Bowen reported on CUNY management’s economic offer and explained why the union bargaining team decided to present an immediate counterproposal. A written summary of the counterproposal was distributed to delegates. The union counterproposal maintains the demand for a $7K minimum for a 3-credit course for adjuncts by proposing that teaching adjuncts be paid one hour for work outside of class for each hour in class. Delegates divided into small groups, each led by a member of the bargaining team, and discussed the union’s proposal in detail.

- Legislative Update – The state budget is due on April 1. The one-house bills are out. PSC is disappointed in both bills. CUNY’s failure to ask for what it really needs has made it more challenging to win legislative support.

III. Resolutions

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

MOTION: To accept the proposed resolution on retiree dues, which would require an amendment to the PSC Constitution (Motion: Retiree Chapter)

Resolved, that the annual PSC dues for full-time CUNY retirees will be raised to $85 beginning September 2019, and be it further

Resolved, that a new category for retired CUNY part-time employees be established with an annual dues of $30, beginning September 2019.

MOTION: To substitute the following: (Motion: S. Persinger; Seconded)

Resolved that a dues schedule category be created called “retired CUNY part-timer” and in order to be eligible for this category a member must
satisfy three elements: 1) the member must be separated by retirement from employment in a position represented by PSC; and 2) the member must be receiving retirement benefits under TRS, NYCERS, or an ORP plan; and 3) the member must not have held a full-time position at CUNY or the RF for more than 6 semesters; and be it further

Resolved that the annual PSC dues for full-time CUNY retirees will be raised to $85 beginning September 2019; and be it further

Resolved that retired CUNY part-timer annual dues shall be set at $40 beginning September 2019; and be it further

Resolved that the annual dues for full-time CUNY retirees will be raised to $100 and retired CUNY part-timer annual dues will be raised to $47 beginning September 2021.

MOTION: To amend number 2 in the first resolved of the substitute amendment to read: “the member must have paid into TRS, NYCERS or an ORP plan.” (Motion: S. Sheidlower; Seconded) FAILED.

No further vote could be taken due to loss of quorum.

- Legislative Update (cont’d) – K. Pfordresher reported on district meetings the union has organized with State and City legislators; she emphasized the power of organizing as constituents and thanked those who have participated.

IV. Administrative Items
  A. Treasurer’s Report – S. Persinger
     Again in January, the union spent less than it took in, for a surplus of $139,000. Over five months, the PSC budget has a favorable bottom line of $620,000. No vote to accept the report could be taken because of the lack of quorum.
  B. Executive Director’s Report – D. Bell
     The Elections Committee certified nominating petitions for the Spring 2019 chapter elections. Ballots will be mailed April 1st and are due back April 30th. Ballot counting will be on May 1st.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

VII Adjournment
Motion: To adjourn at 8:25pm (Motion H. Meltzer; Seconded) APPROVED.