

Delegate Assembly Minutes--Approved

May 16, 2019

Present:

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| BOWEN | EC | WHARTON | BEOC | HARRINGTON | HEO | JAMES | MCC |
| COHEN | EC | BARNETT | C | MARIUS | HEO | KURTZ | MCC |
| DAVIS | EC | FEIGENBERG | C | MATOS | HEO | LEVY | MCC |
| DIEUDONNE | EC | MCDONALD | C | MILLER | HEO | MEDINA | MCC |
| DIRAIMO | EC | RENIQUE | C | OKROSY | HEO | NAVARATNE | MCC |
| FABRICANT | EC | STEMBERG | C | CLARK | JJ | OFFENHOLLEY | MCC |
| FEELEY | EC | CARAGIULO | CCO | EPSTEIN | JJ | SMART | MCC |
| GREENBAUM | EC | ABDALI | CLT | MAMELI | JJ | STEVENSON | MCC |
| LEBERSTEIN | EC | IRIGOYEN | CLT | MARKOWITZ | JJ | LOGUERCIO | NYCT |
| MAJUMDAR | EC | JEU | CLT | PINELLO | JJ | NGANA | NYCT |
| MELTZER | EC | SHERMAN | CLT | PITTMAN | JJ | SHEPARD | NYCT |
| PERSINGER | EC | ARENA | CSI | SEXTON | JJ | BUCHSBAUM | Q |
| SMITH | EC | BAEZ | CSI | CALLY | KCC | MUKHERJEE | Q |
| SPEAR | EC | FOUNTAIN | GS | SEGAL | KCC | CLINGAN | QCC |
| TYNER-MULLINGS | EC | HARAKAWA | GS | WETZEL | KCC | ROSENTHAL | QCC |
| UTAKIS | EC | KAGAN | GS | YARMISH | KCC | STARK | QCC |
| VASQUEZ | EC | SHIRAZI | GS | AUSLANDER | L | CERMELE | RET |
| VAZQUEZ | EC | SWEATTE | GS | MELLEN | L | FRIEDHEIM | RET |
| WINTER | EC | TURNER | GS | CONNERS | LGCC | LILLY | RET |
| HASHMI | B | GOLD | H | EGGER-SIDER | LGCC | MCCALL | RET |
| MANLOW | B | BENCIVENNI | HCC | SEO | LGCC | HANSEN | Y |
| ELLIS | BAR | BERNARDINI | HCC | VAN SLYCK | LGCC | SHEARIN PATTERSON | Y |
| PETERSEN | BAR | STEINBERG | HCC | CARRERA-JUNCO | MCC | SHEIDLLOWER | Y |
| WINE | BAR | BINK | HEO | DONOSO MACAYA | MCC | WEISBLATT | Y |
| EDWARDS | BCC | BOSKET | HEO | FREAS | MCC | | |
| GUISHARD | BCC | BROWN | HEO | GRONOWICZ | MCC | | |
| PRICE BANKS | BCC | CHITTY | HEO | HUTCHISON | MCC | | |

Guest:

Lara Beaty (LGCC), Jeff Ballerini (QCC), Anthony Creaco (MCC), Libby Garland (KCC), Marcia Newfield (RET), Emily Schnee (KCC), Ruth Wangerin (L)

Staff:

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| Ahmad, Shomial | Cheng, Ida | Lashley, Kim | Powell, Emma |
| Alladin, Faye | Clark, Francis | Lewis, Sam | Rosato, Diana |
| Bell, Debbie | Gabriel, Barbara | Moore, Faye | Zauderer, Naomi |
| Brill, Deirdre | Graf, Brian | Paul, Ari | Zwiebach, Pete |
| Brown, Tiffany | Lasher, Renee | Pfordresher, Kate | |

I. **Approvals**

A. Agenda

MOTION: To accept the agenda with the addition of a resolution in support of DC 37

(Motion: H. Meltzer; Seconded.)

MOTION: To add a resolution on establishing an Education for Struggle Committee under New Business. (Motion: M. Kagan; Seconded) **APPROVED.**

MOTION: To move all resolutions after the ICE resolution. (Motion: H. Clarke; seconded)

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: To move the Executive Director's report ahead of the Treasurer's Report. (Motion: B. Bowen; seconded) **APPROVED.**

Agenda approved as amended.

B. Minutes

MOTION: To accept the April minutes. (Motion: S. Sheidlower; Seconded.) **APPROVED.**

II. **President's Report and Discussion** -- B. Bowen

- Contract Update –The union is pressing for additional funding from the City and State for CUNY for the contract by mid-June when the legislative session ends. Member actions over the past month—the banner drops, the grade-ins, Red for Ed—and the radio, TV and social media ads all contribute to creating that pressure
- Graduation Action Plans –PSC actions at graduations are designed to amplify the significance of the occasion and be supportive of students and their families. It's an opportunity to stand with our students.
- May Day March – Pres. Bowen thanked Lynne Turner for speaking on behalf of PSC and highlighting the issue of adjunct pay at the May Day March, which featured low-income workers.
- Health & Safety Breakthroughs – At SPS, Susan Fountain successfully pressured management to test the water fountains for lead; at BCC, chapter chair Sharon Utakis convinced management to replace flood-damaged sheetrock in Colston Hall.
- Budget Update – M. Fabricant
PSC is meeting with City Council members and State representatives about applying any additional revenue to CUNY. There is still a push for TAP gap funding and other efforts to free up money for CUNY.
Geoff Kurtz, BMCC chapter chair, reported on the chapter's campaign to increase VOTE COPE participation this semester. BMCC increased the number of contributors by 50% and the amount of contributions by 75%. What worked were one-on-one conversations.

- **Resolutions:**

1. End the ICE Contract in Essex County

MOTION: To accept the Resolution to End the Ice Contract in Essex County, New Jersey, Protect Immigrants and All Workers. (Motion: J. Arena; Seconded)

Therefore be it resolved, that the PSC calls on Essex County Executive Joseph Di Vincenzo and the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders to use their authority to permanently break their contract with ICE and close the immigrant detention center in Essex County now operates at the Essex County Correctional Facility, and

Be it further resolved, that the PSC call on other labor unions and community groups to pass resolutions and become actively involved in the growing movement to end the illegal and unconstitutional detention of immigrants without criminal charge, and for equal rights for all who live here, in Essex County, New Jersey and throughout the United States.

MOTION: To refer the resolution to the Executive Council. (Motion: L. Cohen; Seconded)

AMENDMENT: To include the maker of the motion in the discussion about redrafting. (Motion: S. Leberstein; Seconded) **APPROVED.**

MOTION TO REFER AS AMENDED APPROVED.

2. Resolution on Back-Pay for White Collar and Blue Collar Workers at CUNY

MOTION: To accept the resolution on back pay for DC 37 CUNY workers. (Motion: Principal Officers) **APPROVED.**

Resolved that Professional Staff Congress calls on the CUNY Board of Trustees and Chancellor Matos Rodríguez to make available immediately the necessary resources to expedite the payment of retroactive pay and increased biweekly pay to the CUNY employees covered by the White Collar and Blue Collar collective bargaining agreements.

- III. **Administrative Items**

A. **Executive Director's Report** – D. Bell.

Elections Committee Report

The Elections Committee met on May 9th to certify the 2019 spring chapter elections:

- Brooklyn EOC
- College of Staten Island
- Hunter Campus Schools
- HEO
- Kingsborough Community College
- Lehman
- Manhattan Community College
- Medgar Evers
- MEOC
- New York City Tech
- Queensborough Community College
- RF Central Office
- RF Field Units
- Retiree Chapter

The committee also certified the special election at John Jay for 3 vacant alternate delegate positions:

Sami Disu

Jayne Mooney

Sandra Swenson

The effective date of office for the 2019 spring chapter and John Jay election is May 23.

MOTION: To pull out the KCC certification and accept the rest of the Elections Committee Report. (Motion: S. Sheidlower; Seconded) **APPROVED.**

MOTION: To continue the DA's practice of agreeing not to allow audio or visual recordings of the meeting unless voted otherwise. (Motion: I. De Lutro; Seconded) **APPROVED.**

MOTION: To reject the Elections Committee's certification of the KCC election. (Motion: M. Feeley; Seconded) **FAILED.**

**MOTION: To accept the Election Committee's certification of the KCC election.
APPROVED.**

John Jay Chapter Chair Election Schedule

Motion: To waive the election rules' requirement that mailing and counting of ballots in a contested election be conducted by the American Arbitration Association, allowing the election for Chapter Chair at John Jay College to proceed on an accelerated schedule. (Motion: Elections Committee) FAILED. The Election will take place as originally scheduled in the fall.

B. Treasurer's Report – S. Persinger

The report was not presented because there was no longer a quorum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

- **Resolution on Establishing an Education for Struggle Committee**
No action possible in absence of a quorum.

VI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 9:30p.m. (Motion C. Bink; Seconded) APPROVED.