Delegate Assembly Minutes--Approved

May 16, 2019

Present:

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    SIXTON    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 PATTERTON    Y
PETERSEN    BAR    STEINBERG    HCC    CARRERA-JUNCO    MCC    SHEIDLOWER    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:
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    Pfldrescher, 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 Rodriguez 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.