

PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly

Minutes: December 15, 2011

Present:

Delegates:

BOWEN	EC	SHERMAN	CLT	MELTZER	MCC
BRANDON	EC	GRAHAM	CLT,ALT	MOORMAN	MCC
CERMELE	EC	PETRATOS	CSI	OFFENHOLLEY	MCC
COHEN	EC	GABOURY	H	HUTCHISON	MCC, ALT
DESOLA	EC	GOODMAN	H	NAVARTNE	MCC, ALT
DIRAIMO	EC	PERNA	H, ALT	CRAWFORD	ME
FABRICANT	EC	ABREU	HEO	HATCHETT	ME
FRIEDHEIM	EC	BRENNAN	HEO	HATCHETTE	MEOC, ALT
FRIEDMAN	EC	CHITTY	HEO	JAMES	NYCT
LEWIS	EC	IRONS	HEO	MASON	NYCT
LONDON	EC	NELSON	HEO	EISENSTEIN	Q
MENNA	EC	RODRIGUEZ	HEO	SANUDO	Q
MORAN	EC	WASHINGTON	HEO	WALKER	Q
PANAYOTAKIS	EC	WINTER	HEO	BARBANEL	QCC
PEARLMAN	EC	WU	HEO	BERLINGER	QCC
PIMENTEL	EC	CROWNOVER	HEO, ALT	CESARANO	QCC
SPEAR	EC	CLARKE	JJ	KUSZAI	QCC
VASQUEZ	EC	GATES	JJ	HOCK	QCC, ALT
WEISBLATT	EC	NARKUNAS	JJ	HYLAND	RET
GRASSMAN	B	NELSON	JJ, ALT	KOTELCHUCK	RET
HILL	BAR	OKAMOTO	JJ, ALT	LEBERSTEIN	RET
MAZZATENTA	BCC	PITTMAN	JJ, ALT	MCCALL	RET
PERSINGER	BCC	ROONEY	KCC	PERLSTEIN	RET
FEIGENBERG	C	FARRELL	L	BALMUTH	RET, ALT
ELHAKEM	CLT	EGGER-SIDER	LGCC	BERGER	RET, ALT
JEU	CLT	WALKER	LGCC	WURMAN	RET, ALT
LITTLEHAWK	CLT	CROCCO	MCC	FRANCOIS	Y
MCINTYRE	CLT	FORD	MCC	FRANK	Y
		GRONOWICZ	MCC	METCALF	Y

Staff:

ALLADIN, F.	GERGELY, J.	MAGALHAES, A.	ROSATO, D.	ZWIEBACH, P.
BELL, D.	GRAF, B.	MUNOZ, A.	VANDENBURGH, J.	
BRILL, D.	HERST, J.	PFORDRESHER, K.	WRIGHT, C.	
GABRIEL, B.	HUGHES, S.	REILLY, A.	ZAUDERER, N.	

Guests:

Linda Caspe (MCC); Constance Gemson (LGCC); Lynn Goldhammer (LGCC); Bill Rosenthal (LGCC); Nicole Saint-Louis (BCC/C); Andrea Tienan (Bar/LGCC); Adam Tripp (BCC); Steve Tromboli (Ret); Blanca Vazquez (H); Santiago Villafañe (Ret); Mike Vozick (BMCC); Carolyn Watford (MEOC)

I. Approvals

A. Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda was approved. (Motion: A. Pearlman; second: D. Kotelchuk)

B. Minutes – November

Motion to accept the November minutes with a correction to the list of those present was approved. (Motion: R. Cermele, second: A. Pearlman)

II. President's Report and Discussion – Barbara Bowen

- Donations to Binghamton schools – A. DeSola reported on delivering PSC delegates' donations to Binghamton schools, accompanied by Ida Cheng and Jonathan Vandenburg of the PSC staff.
- Income Tax Reform – Bowen reported that Governor Cuomo and the state legislature moved on income tax reform only in response to intense populist political pressure from the Occupy movement—OWS, Occupy Albany, Occupy LA— as well as many unions, coalitions and community groups. This is a very limited reform that benefits primarily those earning over \$300,000. We must continue pressing for more substantial reform. SUNY and CUNY suffered a \$1 billion cut over the last 3 years.
- Adjunct Health Insurance – The Board of Trustees approved a budget request to the State that includes adjunct health insurance. PSC is pressuring CUNY to ensure that the amount requested is sufficient to meet the need. If successful, the State funding—and transfer of eligible adjuncts to a State or City health insurance plan—will be the structural solution that we are seeking. Bowen described the union's plans for helping to ensure that the funding is included in the State's final budget for CUNY.
Resolution to thank the Students for Educational Rights for supporting adjunct health care was approved by acclamation.
- Collective Bargaining - PSC joined TWU tonight in their rally to protest the MTA's 0-0-0-2% offer. PSC is also supporting the 32BJ commercial building workers in their contract fight. PSC still does not have an offer from CUNY, but we continue to make progress in informal talks with management. We also signed the agreement with CUNY to make Paid Parental Leave an ongoing benefit.
- **Motion to call on the EC to prepare a resolution in memorial to David Montgomery, who was a renowned labor historian at Yale, was approved.** (Motion: B. Chitty; second: E. Moran)
- CUNY and Race forum - Bowen thanked Jonathan Buchsbaum and John Pittman for their work on the anti-racism subcommittee, for spearheading the research project on CUNY and Race, and for being the driving force behind the successful CUNY and Race forum on December 9.
- PSC Resolution: Investigation of Police Conduct – Bowen thanks Alex Vitale for supplying most of the questions in the resolution.

Resolution opposing CUNY's Use of Force against Non-Violent Student Protest was presented. (Motion: S. Leberstein; second: R. Cermele) **Proposal to add a Resolved calling for the dropping of all charges against students arrested on November 21 was approved.** (Motion: S. DiRaimo.) **Resolution was approved as amended.** Resolution should be sent to all student governments and college presidents.

III. Administrative Action Items

A. Treasurer's Report – M. Fabricant

Monthly Report – October

Summary of Financial Report for October 2011

Income: \$1,180,000	Expenses: \$1,030,000	Surplus: \$150,000
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Year-to-date (2 months)

Income: \$2,519,000	Expenses: \$2,230,000	Surplus: \$289,000
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A deficit of \$115,000 was budgeted for the first two months. The financial statement, however, reflects an actual two-month surplus of \$289,000 when year-to-date expenditures are compared with year-to-date income.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was approved. (Motion: L. Crownover; second: A. Sherman)

IV. Reports and Action Items

A. Elections Committee – S. London

According to PSC rules governing elections, members of the Elections Committee who run for office must resign. To replace those who have resigned, the officers have nominated the following as members of the Elections Committee: Ann Davison and Jean Grassman.

Motion for the Secretary to cast a single vote reflecting the sense of the body was approved. (Motion: V. Petratos; second: J. Pittman)

The officers nominate the following as alternate members of the Election Committee: Katie Albany, William Gargan, Marci Goodman, Robert Putz, Sharon Swacker, Vincent Tirelli, and Joseph Wilson.

Motion for the Secretary to cast a single vote reflecting the sense of the body was approved. (Motion: A. Pearlman, second: A. Rodriguez)

Resolution in Support of Jazz Musicians in Local 802 was approved. (Motion: H. Meltzer, second: G. Brandon)

IIIB. Executive Director's Report – D. Bell

PSC has hired Renée Lasher as a new Coordinator of Contract Administration. The union leadership and staff are moving forward with the search for a Director of Organizing. Linda Slifkin has announced that she will retire, after 24 years, in January. The PSC has

also announced a search for a new Administrative Assistant for Benefits and Membership as well as a new Administrative Assistant for Contract Enforcement, to replace current or anticipated vacancies.

For the PSC General Election, candidates must file declarations of candidacy. Declarations of candidacy are due on January 9. The declaration forms are available on the website. This change in procedure was necessitated by the new election rules, which now require that candidates' names be printed on the petitions.

IV. Reports and Action Items (continued)

B. Approval of June 2012 DA meeting date – **Motion to approve the June 2012 DA meeting date was approved.** (Motion: J. Moorman; second: H. Meltzer)

C. NYSUT Resolutions – 2011 NYSUT Retiree Final Report on Resolutions
Motion to co-endorse Resolution 1 on Solar Energy Credit was approved. Motion to co-endorse Resolution 2 on Palliative Care was approved. (Motion: J. Perlstein; second: D. Kotelchuk)

Motion to co-endorse Resolution 3 on Preparing Students to be Well-Rounded Citizens failed. (Motion: S. DiRaimo; second: E. Moran)

Motion to co-endorse Resolution 4 Supporting the “Occupy Wall Street” Movement was approved. (Motion: B. Nelson.)

Motion to co-endorse Resolution 5 on Inflation Protection Equity for Optional Retirement Program Members was approved. (Motion: J. Perlstein; second: B. Friedheim)

Motion to co-endorse Resolution 6 on Facilitating Retiree Councils’ Contact with their Members was approved. (Motion: J. Perlstein; second: D. Kotelchuk)

V. New Business - None

VI. Old Business - None

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:35pm was approved.