

PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly  
 Minutes: February 20, 2014

Present:

Delegates:

BOWEN	EC	KURTZ	BMCC	WINTER	HEO
BRANDON	EC	MOORMAN	BMCC	WU	HEO
BUCHSBAUM	EC	NAVARATNE	BMCC	MAMELI	JJ
CERMELE	EC	OFFENHOLLEY	BMCC	NARKUNAS	JJ
COHEN	EC	DICK	BXCC	PITTMAN	JJ
DESOLA	EC	WOLF	BXCC	ROONEY	KCC
DIRAIMO	EC	BALDWIN-JONES	C	HYMAN	L
FABRICANT	EC	BARNETT	C	PHILIPP	L
FRIEDHEIM	EC	FEIGENBERG	C	BERKE	LGCC
FRIEDMAN	EC	RANGEL	C	DURAND	LGCC
HATCHETT	EC	CARAGIULO	CCO	EGGER-SIDER	LGCC
LEWIS	EC	GRAHAM	CLT	ALBANY	NYCT
LONDON	EC	JEU	CLT	MACDONALD	NYCT
MORAN	EC	RICHARDSON	CLT	MASON	NYCT
NEWFIELD	EC	SHERMAN	CLT	VEY	NYCT
PANAYOTAKIS	EC	SANCHEZ	CSI	LEITES	Q
PEARLMAN	EC	TOURNAKI	CSI	MUKHERJEE	Q
PERSINGER	EC	AGATHOCLEOUS	H	ZEVIN	Q
VASQUEZ	EC	GOLD	H	CUTRONE	QCC
WEISBLATT	EC	PERNA	H	MALOY	QCC
GRASSMAN	B	BERNARDINI	HCC	SINCLAIR	QCC
PETERSEN	BAR	STEINBERG	HCC	BALMUTH	RET
ALLY	BMCC	BINK	HEO	GREENBAUM	RET
CROCCO	BMCC	BRENNAN	HEO	KOTELCHUCK	RET
FREAS	BMCC	DONEY	HEO	LEBERSTEIN	RET
GRONOWICZ	BMCC	GALLAGHER	HEO	PERLSTEIN	RET
HUTCHISON	BMCC	HERNANDEZ	HEO	FRANK	Y
		NELSON	HEO		

Guests:

Angel Calderon (BEOC/C); Michael Handis (GC); John Lawrence (CSI)

Staff:

Alladin, F.	Cheng, I.	Graf, B.	Reilly, A.	Young, P.
Bell, D.	Clark, F.	Lasher, R.	Rosato, D.	Zauderer, N.
Bergen, D.	Gabriel, B.	Muñoz, A.	Vandenburgh, J.	Zwiebach, P.
Brill, D.	Gergely, J.	Pfordresher, K.		

- I. Approvals
  - A. Agenda

**Motion to accept the agenda with the addition of an Action Item—resolution on Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act—was approved.** (Motion: A. Pearlman; second: S. Sheidlower)

B. Minutes

**Motion to accept the Minutes was approved.** (Motion: S. Sheidlower; second: A. Sherman )

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

- Pathways Changes – Deep problems with Pathways remain, but there have been some positive developments. An arbitrator ruled that the union’s grievance is arbitral, rejecting CUNY’s motion to dismiss. Chancellor Kelly issued a memo allowing Pathways courses to have more than three hours, allowing waivers for certain majors, and making the constitution of the Common Core Course Review Committee subject to elected faculty governance. The City Council is holding a hearing on Pathways on Tuesday, February 25.
- Anti-Academic Freedom Legislation – Due to mobilization by a multitude of organizations including the PSC, the Speaker’s bill was withdrawn. It would have denied State funding for a year to any institution of higher education that spent money supporting an organization that had endorsed a boycott of academic institutions in the Czech Republic, Israel, Lebanon or Hungary. The replacement bill, however, is still unconstitutional.
- Timesheets Petition – There has been a huge response among HEOs and CLTs in opposing CUNY’s unilateral implementation of a new timesheet on the professional staff. The union is fighting to ensure that our members are compensated for the work they do.
- CUNY FIRST – A working group is being established to investigate CUNY’s expenditures on CUNY FIRST and the impact of CUNY FIRST on student enrollment, registration, and adjunct employment.
- State & City Budgets – PSC testified in Albany. Hundreds of CUNY and SUNY students will join us for a joint lobby day on Wednesday, Feb. 26.
- PSC Contract – The mayor’s preliminary budget referred repeatedly to cost- savings in labor contracts. The problem with Bloomberg’s failure to fund the labor reserve, which would have provided funding for increases over the last three years, has not yet been solved. The 152 outstanding contracts have not yet been settled. The PSC’s contract is one of these 152.
- **Resolution in Support of Striking Faculty at the University of Illinois-Chicago was accepted.** (Motion: B. Bowen; second: A. Feigenberg)  
**Resolved, that PSC salutes the courage of the UIC faculty—full-time and part-time together—and will continue to support their ongoing fight.**
- The ad hoc Committee on CUNY and Militarization, authorized by the Executive Council, has started to meet.

III. Administrative Action Items

A. Treasurer’s Report – M. Fabricant

Monthly Financial Report – December

Summary of Financial Report for the month:

Income: \$1,357,000	Expenses: \$1,518,000	Deficit: (\$161,000)
Summary for the year-to-date (4 months)		
Income: \$5,822,000	Expenses: \$5,920,000	Deficit: (\$98,000)

**Year-to-date (4 months)**

A \$116,000 deficit was budgeted for the first four months. The financial statement shows an actual four-month deficit of \$98,000. Over four months, the union spent \$27,000 less than budgeted and received \$9,000 less than anticipated. This resulted in an unfavorable bottom line of \$18,000.

**Motion to accept the December financial report was approved.** (Motion: J. Gallagher; second: E. Moran)

B. Executive Director’s Report – D. Bell

For those chapters having elections, nominating petitions are due on March 3. The deadline for replacement petitions is March 17.

IV. Reports and Action Items

- Report on Campaign on the Future of Higher Education (CFHE) – M. Fabricant  
The national meeting was held at the PSC in January. It included the California Faculty Association, PSC, UUP, the Pennsylvania faculty union, and other unions and unaffiliated groups. The campaign has issued comprehensive reports on part-time faculty and MOOCs. The research focus of the campaign will now be on President Obama’s proposed rating system for higher education. The conference at the PSC focused on organizing. Participants reported that five states across the country have increased state public funding and frozen student tuition. The next meeting will be in Albany May 17-19.
- Resolution on Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act  
**Motion to accept the resolution in support of the Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act was approved.** (Motion: B. Friedheim on behalf of the Retirees Chapter; second: S. Leberstein)  
**Therefore be it resolved, the Professional Staff Congress supports the passage of the Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act (A. 1792-A (Nolan)S. 1743 (Espaillat)).**  
**Be it further resolved, the PSC will send a letter to all members of the New York State Senate urging the passage of this bill.**  
**Be it still further resolved, the PSC will join the Justice for Farmworkers Campaign.**
- Organizing for City Council Hearing – Sign up to come on Feb. 25.

V. New Business

L. Dick suggested that there be a report to the DA on NYSUT COPE expenditures. S. London reported that NYSUT has a statewide PAC committee that makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees on expenditures in statewide campaigns.

VI. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn at 8:37 PM was approved.** (Motion: M. Fabricant; second: A. Sherman)