

PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly

Minutes: October 27, 2011

Present:

Delegates:

BATSON	EC	CARAGIULO	CCO, ALT	ARANOFF	KCC, ALT
BOWEN	EC	ELHAKEM	CLT	PHILIPP	L
BRANDON	EC	JEU	CLT	DE LA CRUZ	L, ALT
BUCHSBAUM	EC	LITTLEHAWK	CLT	COOGAN	LGCC
COHEN	EC	MCINTYRE	CLT	CROCCO	MCC
DELUTRO	EC	RICHARDSON	CLT	GRONOWICZ	MCC
DESOLA	EC	SHERMAN	CLT	KURTZ	MCC
DIRAIMO	EC	GRAHAM	CLT, ALT	MELTZER	MCC
FABRICANT	EC	PETRATOS	CSI	MOORMAN	MCC
FRIEDHEIM	EC	GOLD	H	OFFENHOLLEY	MCC
FRIEDMAN	EC	GOODMAN	H	POST	MCC
GILL	EC	JOHN	H	BILSKY-BIENIEK	MCC, ALT
LONDON	EC	PERNA	H, ALT	HUTCHISON	MCC, ALT
MENNA	EC	STEINBERG	HCC	CRAWFORD	ME
MORAN	EC	CHITTY	HEO	HATCHETT	ME
NEWFIELD	EC	IRONS	HEO	MASON	NYCT
PANAYOTAKIS	EC	MEDINA	HEO	EISENSTEIN	Q
PEARLMAN	EC	MUCHITA	HEO	ENGLISH	Q
PIMENTEL	EC	NELSON	HEO	SANUDO	Q
SPEAR	EC	PACIFI-ELEJALDE	HEO	BARBANEL	QCC
VASQUEZ	EC	RODRIGUEZ	HEO	BERLINGER	QCC
WEISBLATT	EC	WASHINGTON	HEO	CESARANO	QCC
ESTEY	B	WINTER	HEO	KUSZAI	QCC
HILL	BAR	WU	HEO	MARSH	QCC
HITCHCOCK	BAR	CROWNOVER	HEO, ALT	MERTZ	QCC
WINE	BAR	LILLY	HEO, ALT	HYLAND	RET
DICK	BCC	WEEKES	HEO, ALT	KOTELCHUCK	RET
MAZZATENTA	BCC	CLARKE	JJ	LEBERSTEIN	RET
PERSINGER	BCC	MAJUMDAR	JJ	MCCALL	RET
WOLF	BCC	MULDER	JJ	PERLSTEIN	RET
APOSTOLAKIS	BCC, ALT	NARKUNAS	JJ	SELTZER	RET
UTAKIS	BXEOC	HOFF	JJ, ALT	BALMUTH	RET, ALT
BARNETT	C	MARKOWITZ	JJ, ALT	CLINE	Y
FEIGENBERG	C	NELSON	JJ, ALT	FRANCOIS	Y
RANGEL	C	OKAMOTO	JJ, ALT	METCALF	Y
DUNKEL	CCO	ROONEY	KCC	ARANOFF	KCC, ALT
THOMAS	CCO	YARMISH	KCC		

Staff:

ALLADIN, F.	CLARK, F.	HERST, J.	MUNOZ, A	ZAUDERER, N.
BERGEN, D.	GABRIEL, B.	HOGNESS, P.	PFORDRESHER, K.	ZWIEBACH, P.
BRILL, D.	GERGELY, J.	HUGHES, S.	SIMMONS, A.	
CHENG, I.	GRAF, B.	MAGALHAES, A.	TARTLETON, J.	

Guests:

Walter Daum (Ret); Lynne Goldhammer (LGCC); Michael Seitz (BMCC); Adam Tripp (BCC); Mark Turner (City); Mike Vozick (BMCC); Carolyn Watford (MEOC)

I. Approvals

A. Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda was approved. (Motion: C. Post)

B. Minutes – June and September

1. **Motion to accept June minutes was approved.** (Motion: I. DeLutro)

2. **Motion to vote on the September minutes at the November DA was approved.**
(Motion: M. Phillips)

II. Proposed PSC Budget 2011-2012 – M. Fabricant

Fabricant introduced the proposed FY2012 PSC budget. He noted that significant differences in line items from last year's budget are due to the cost of holding union-wide elections; a necessary reclassification as consultants of certain former stipend-receivers; new staff positions and projected staff stability; and the increased cost of fringe benefits—all of which were partially offset by significantly increased NYSUT reimbursements. Our projected deficit is \$688,000, compared to the projected \$628,000 deficit last year. This deficit represents 4% of our operating budget.

Total Expenditures: \$16,805,000

Total Income: \$16,117,000

Deficit: (\$688,000)

Motion to accept the 2011-2012 budget was approved. (Motion: A. Pearlman)

III. President's Report and Discussion, Part I – B. Bowen

President Bowen reported:

Legal counsel confirmed that the motion that Prof. Yarmish proposed at the last DA to amend the Rules Governing All General and Chapter Elections was out of order. The language proposed for amendment is the language of the PSC Constitution; as such, it cannot be amended except through the Constitutional procedure in Article XIII.

A. Election of Community College Officer

In accordance with the Election Rules, this vacancy was announced at the previous meeting. Bowen opened the floor for nominations.

Motion to nominate Sharon Persinger (Motion: L. Cohen)

Motion to nominate Michael Seitz (Motion: A. Gronowicz)

A secret ballot election was conducted. The candidates agreed to have PSC staff count the ballots, following an option offered in the Election Rules. Sharon Persinger was elected by a vote of 20 to 8.

B. Adjunct Health Insurance Campaign – B. Bowen reported that the adjunct health insurance campaign remains at the center of our work. She described the requests the union leadership has made of each chapter to help to increase the visibility of the campaign and demonstrate how wide the support is for its goal. She also mentioned additional actions being conducted in certain chapters, including a rally at Bronx

Community College on Nov. 3rd. Fifty Distinguished Professors have signed on to a letter in support of adjunct health insurance.

Next steps:

- Board of Trustees hearing on Nov. 21 – will work with members on testimony
- Board of Trustees meeting on Nov. 28 – vote on CUNY’s budget
- Maintain pressure throughout the budget season to ensure that adjunct health insurance remains a priority for the CUNY administration and is funded in the State budget.

IV. Proposed Affiliation with the Working Families Party – S. London and M. Fabricant

Resolution to affiliate with the Working Families Party recommended by the PSC Executive Council.

Resolved, the PSC affiliate with the Working Families Party; and be it further Resolved, that the level of affiliation be decided by the PSC Executive Council.

Motion to amend by substitution (Motion: S. John):

Resolved, that the PSC Delegate Assembly reject the proposal to affiliate the union to the Working Families Party, and

Be it further resolved, that instead, our union should advocate that labor break from the Democrats and build a workers’ party against the parties of capital.

Motion to amend the substitute resolution by deleting lines 21 and 22 (the second resolve) and change the word “colonial” to “imperialist” in line 14 was approved.
(Motion: L. Dick).

The substitute motion was defeated.

The original resolution to affiliate with the Working Families Party was approved.

V. President’s Report and Discussion, Part II – B. Bowen

- **Resolution to Support Occupy Wall Street was approved.** (Motion: C. Post)

Be it resolved:

That the PSC commends Occupy Wall Street for its nerve and imagination, for its refusal to accept the unacceptable, its willingness to explore new forms of political organization and protest. The PSC will continue to work with OWS—organizing members, as appropriate, in support; helping wherever appropriate to develop its “nomadic university”; and offering material and financial support as determined by the PSC executive council.

- President Bowen congratulated the Retiree Chapter on the success of the “Defend the Safety Net” forum, congratulated the members at the Graduate Center who organized the collaborative conference “Defending Public Higher Ed,” and thanked Bob Cermele, Clinton Crawford and others who helped us obtain space for the CUNY and Race forum on December 9.
- LaGuardia CC organized a teach-in starting yesterday, modeled on the Teach CUNY event at BMCC last year.
- A. Desola testified yesterday in Albany on the impact of the budget cuts on CUNY over several years.
- M. Batson’s report on the departmental impact of budget cuts is almost ready to be released. We will give you a draft report at the next DA.
- We continue to prepare a legal complaint against CUNY on the Pathways resolution. The complaint is based on the violation of the principle of faculty control over curriculum. Bowen will report further when the complaint is ready to be filed; she urged delegates in the meantime to listen to and participate in discussions on their campuses about the proposed Common Core, and to be active in ensuring that members’ resolutions are forwarded to the college presidents and faculty governance leaders.

VI. Administrative Action Items

A. Treasurer’s Report – M. Fabricant

Summary of Financial Report for August 2011

Income: \$1,446,000	Expenses: \$1,010,000	Surplus: \$436,000
Year-to-date (12 months)		
Income: \$15, 691,000	Expenses: \$15,343,000	Surplus: \$348,000

A deficit of \$628,000 was budgeted for the 2010-2011 budget year. The financial statement, however, reflects an actual twelve-month surplus of \$348,000. Over the course of the year, we spent \$885,000 less than budgeted and received \$91,000 more income than anticipated. This resulted in a favorable variance of \$976,000.

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was approved. (Motion: H. Clarke)

B. Associate Executive Director’s Report – N. Zauderer

No report.

VII. Reports and Action Items

Legislative Agenda – S. London

Motion to accept the legislative agenda was approved. (Motion: A. Pearlman)

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Election Committee Report – S. London

- The Spring 2012 Election Schedule is in your packet. The new election rules require that a declaration of candidacy be submitted. The forms will be available on Dec. 1, 2011 and must be submitted by Jan. 9, 2012.
- The election at John Jay for co-chairs was not certified by the Elections Committee because there is no provision in the PSC Constitution for co-chairs. The principal officers will continue to work with and support the chapter in every way.

Motion to accept the Elections Committee report was approved. (Motion: E. Moran)

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- Suggestion to put the New Community College on the agenda of the next meeting
- Discussion of PSC's participation in a CLC-sponsored march on Wall St.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was approved at 9:50pm. (Motion: M. Fabricant)

Respectfully submitted,



Arthurine DeSola

Secretary