

PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly  
 Minutes: February 16, 2012

Present:

Delegates:

BOWEN	EC	CARAGIULO	CCO, ALT	FARRELL	L
BUCHSBAUM	EC	ELHAKEM	CLT	DE LA CRUZ	L, ALT
CERMELE	EC	LITTLEHAWK	CLT	COOGAN	LGCC
COHEN	EC	MCINTYRE	CLT	CROCCO	MCC
DESOLA	EC	SHERMAN	CLT	FORD	MCC
DIRAIMO	EC	GRAHAM	CLT, ALT	GRONOWICZ	MCC
FABRICANT	EC	KRITT	CSI	KURTZ	MCC
FRIEDMAN	EC	PETRATOS	CSI	MELTZER	MCC
LEWIS	EC	GOLD	H	MOORMAN	MCC
LONDON	EC	JOHN	H	OFFENHOLLEY	MCC
MENNA	EC	HUBNER	HCC	POST	MCC
MORAN	EC	STEINBERG	HCC	NAVARTNE	MCC, ALT
NEWFIELD	EC	BRENNAN	HEO	AWOLABI	ME
PANAYOTAKIS	EC	GALLAGHER	HEO	CRAWFORD	ME
PEARLMAN	EC	NELSON	HEO	HATCHETT	ME
PIMENTEL	EC	RODRIGUEZ	HEO	DOUGLAS	NYCT
SPEAR	EC	WINTER	HEO	SANUDO	Q
VASQUEZ	EC	WU	HEO	BARBANEL	QCC
WEISBLATT	EC	CROWNOVER	HEO, ALT	BERLINGER	QCC
PARMAR	B	LILLY	HEO, ALT	KUSZAI	QCC
WINE	BAR	BORNSTEIN	JJ	HOCK	QCC, ALT
DICK	BCC	CLARKE	JJ	KUSZAI	QCC
MAZZATENTA	BCC	GATES	JJ	HOCK	QCC, ALT
PERSINGER	BCC	MAMELI	JJ	KOTELCHUCK	RET
FEIGENBERG	C	MULDER	JJ	LEBERSTEIN	RET
RANGEL	C	WOUT	JJ	PERLSTEIN	RET
CAPPETTI	C, ALT	PITTMAN	JJ, ALT	SELTZER	RET
DUNKEL	CCO	PITTMAN	JJ, ALT	BALMUTH	RET, ALT
SCALICI-MCINTYRE	CCO	ROONEY	KCC	METCALF	Y

Staff:

ALLADIN, F.	CHENG, I.	HERST, J.	MUNOZ, A.	TARLETON, J.
BELL, D.	GABRIEL, B.	HOGNESS, P.	PFORDRESHER, K.	VANDENBURGH, J.
BERGEN, D.	GERGELY, J.	HUGHES, S.	REILLY, A.	WRIGHT, C.
BRILL, D.	GRAF, B.	LASHER, R.	ROSATO, D.	ZAUDERER, N.
	MAGALHAES, A.	SIMMONS, A.	ZWIEBACH, P.	

Guests:

Harry Cason (Ret.); Bill Rosenthal (LGCC); Adam Tripp (BCC); Mike Vozick (BMCC); Carolyn Watford (MEOC)

I. Approvals

A. Agenda

**Motion to amend the agenda to include adjunct pay dates under new business was approved.** (Motion: L. Dick)

**Motion to accept the agenda as amended was approved.**

B. Minutes

**Motion to accept the Minutes was approved.** (Motion: H. Meltzer; second: J. Gallagher)

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

- Town Hall on Pathways – B. Bowen reported that on Thursday, March 8 PSC will hold a Town Hall meeting on Pathways. She discussed the goals and format of the meeting.
- Adjunct Health Insurance – Reported that the Governor included the money for adjunct health insurance in his proposed budget for CUNY. PSC is working with legislators to make sure it stays in the budget. After funding is in place, PSC will begin discussions with CUNY on inclusion of eligible in the City or State health insurance plan.
- Update on New Community College – Reported on concerns raised by a high percentage of the total full-time faculty at the New Community College.
- AFT Presidential Endorsement – The AFT voted at its Executive Council last week to endorse Obama for reelection.

III. Discussion: Pathways on Campuses – Delegates reported on the concerns about Pathways being raised on their campuses, particularly on concerns about threat to the quality of education.

IV. Administrative Action Items

A. Treasurer's Report – M. Fabricant

Monthly Report – December

Summary of Financial Report for December 2011

Income: \$1,455,000	Expenses: \$1,244,000	Surplus: \$211,000
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Year-to-date (4 months)

Income: \$5,653,000	Expenses: \$5,122,000	Surplus: \$531,000
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A deficit of \$230,000 was budgeted for the first four months of the budget year. The financial statement, however, reflects an actual four-month surplus of \$531,000 when year-to-date expenditures are compared with year-to-date income. Over four months, we spent \$481,000 less than budgeted and received \$280,000 more income than anticipated. This resulted in a favorable variance of \$761,000.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was approved.** (Motion: A. Pearlman; second: D. Kotelchuck)

B. Executive Director's Report – D. Bell

The elections committee certified the election of Manfred Philipp as the new chapter chair of Lehman College, replacing Helene Silverman.

At the BMCC chapter, the elections committee certified the election of Wambui Mbugua as officer-at-large. Craig Hutchison moved from alternate to delegate to replace Shirley Rausher, who retired.

**Motion to accept the elections committee report was approved.** (Motion: R. Cermele; second: A. Sherman)

V. Reports and Action Items

- Legislative Report – S. London

Budget campaign – S. London reported that B. Bowen's testimony on the state allocation for the CUNY budget and several charts on the CUNY budget are available on the website. PSC is targeting a budget increase for Community Colleges in this round—a \$685 per FTE increase. That is the amount of money that was taken out of the Community Colleges over the last three years. The testimony also focused on our opposition to Tier 6—a proposed pension cutback.

PSC is working in coalition with a number of organizations and coalitions: NYPIRG, CUNY University Student Senate, New York Students Rising, Students for a Free CUNY, Working Families Party, Strong Economy for All, and Occupy Wall Street, among others.

Actions:

February 17-19 - Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus Weekend

February 20 – City Hall Press Conference, Students for a Free CUNY

March 1 – Local Student Action Day

March 5 – Albany Student Action Day

March 5-6 – Higher Education Lobby Day

March 14 – Faculty-Staff Student Lobby Day and Immigration Coalition

March 19-20 – NYSUT Committee of 100 Lobby Day

In addition to the budget and pension cutbacks for public employees, other important issues before the state legislature are an increase in the minimum wage, the DREAM Act, the RF Freedom of Information Law bill, Adjunct Unemployment Insurance, independence of CUNY trustees, the NY Healthy Workplace Act, and the redefinition of maintenance of effort (MOE) to include mandatory cost increases.

The endorsement process will begin after redistricting is completed. Primaries will begin in June, at which time PSC will make endorsements in local elections.

Endorsements for state offices are made by NYSUT and WFP; we participate in both processes.

Everyone should have received the Vote-COPE brochure. This year PSC increased our Vote COPE contributions by 28%. Further increases are needed.

VI. New Business

The chair noted that we no longer have a quorum.

- **Resolution in Support of the Striking Workers at Greek Steelworks was presented by C. Panayotakis. The EC will vote electronically tomorrow.**
- **Motion to object to AFT's endorsement of Obama, especially in light of his policies on public education.** (Motion: S. John; second: C. Post) – will be held for the following meeting.
- Adjunct pay dates – About a year ago, CUNY changed the number of adjunct pay dates to eight instead of nine. Adjuncts now have to wait three weeks after the beginning of the semester before being paid. It is possible for adjuncts to be advanced the money. As soon as you hear of hardship cases or delays in adjunct pay, contact the union. This issue will be put on the agenda of the next DA.

VII. Old Business - None

VIII. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn at 9:00pm was approved.** (Motion: A. Pearlman; second: R. Nelson)