

PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly

Minutes: January 30, 2014

Present:

Delegates:

BATSON	EC	BARNETT	C	COOGAN	LGCC
BOWEN	EC	FEIGENBERG	C	DURAND	LGCC
BRANDON	EC	WILNER	C	EGGER-SIDER	LGCC
BUCHSBAUM	EC	GRAHAM	CLT	LYNCH	LGCC
CERMELE	EC	JEU	CLT	ROGERS-COOPER	LGCC
COHEN	EC	LITTLEHAWK	CLT	FARRELL	L
DELUTRO	EC	MCINTYRE	CLT	PHILIPP	L
DESOLA	EC	RICHARDSON	CLT	HATCHETTE	MEOC
DIRAIMO	EC	SHERMAN	CLT	CRAWFORD	ME
FABRICANT	EC	SANCHEZ	CSI	ALBANY	NYCT
FRIEDHEIM	EC	TOURNAKI	CSI	CUORDILEONE	NYCT
HATCHETT	EC	BRENNAN	HEO	DOUGLAS	NYCT
LONDON	EC	CARAGIULO	HEO	LANSIQUOT	NYCT
NEWFIELD	EC	CHITTY	HEO	MACDONALD	NYCT
PANAYOTAKIS	EC	CRUZ-EUSEBIO	HEO	MASON	NYCT
PEARLMAN	EC	GALLAGHER	HEO	VEY	NYCT
PERSINGER	EC	MUCHITA	HEO	EISENSTEIN	Q
SPEAR	EC	ROBERTS	HEO	MUKHERJEE	Q
VASQUEZ	EC	WEEKES	HEO	SANUDO	Q
VAZQUEZ	EC	WINTER	HEO	ZEVIN	Q
WASHINGTON	EC	BERNARDINI	HCC	BARBANEL	QCC
PETERSEN	BAR	STEINBERG	HCC	CESARANO	QCC
WINE	BAR	AGATHOCLEOUS	H	LAU	QCC
CROCCO	BMCC	ANGOTTI	H	MESSIER	QCC
FREAS	BMCC	GOLD	H	SINCLAIR	QCC
GRONOWICZ	BMCC	JOHN	H	STARK	QCC
KURTZ	BMCC	MIRER	H	ZINGER	QCC
MELTZER	BMCC	CLARKE	JJ	BALMUTH	RET
MOORMAN	BMCC	MAJUMDAR	JJ	GREENBAUM	RET
OFFENHOLLEY	BMCC	MAMELI	JJ	KOTELCHUCK	RET
DEGIERE	BXCC	PITTMAN	JJ	LEBERSTEIN	RET
DICK	BXCC	CLARKE	JJ	MCCALL	RET
LAWTON	BXCC	BARNHART	KCC	PERLSTEIN	RET
MAZZATENTA	BXCC	CALLY	KCC	CLINE	Y
ESTEY	B	ROONEY	KCC	FRANK	Y
WILLS	B			SHEIDLLOWER	Y

Staff:

Alladin, F.	Cheng, I.	Herst, J.	Munoz, A.	Tarleton, J.
Bell, D.	Clark, F.	Hogness, P.	Pfordresher, K.	Vandenburgh, J.
Bergen, D.	Gabriel, B.	Hughes, S.	Rasiotis, S.	Young, P.
Black, A.	Gergely, J.	Lasher, R.	Reilly, A.	Zauderer, N.
Brill, D.	Graf, B.	Magalhaes, A.	Rosato, D.	Zwiebach, P.

Guests:

Harry Cason (CSI); John Lawrence (CSI); Michael Seitz (BMCC)

I. Approvals

A. Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda was approved. (Motion: A. Pearlman; second: R. Cermele)

B. Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes was approved. (Motion: J. Gallagher; second: Jack Zevin)

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

- President Bowen acknowledged the loss of Mike Vozick, adjunct activist, and of Pete Seeger.
- Bowen thanked those who participated in the Campaign for the Future of Higher Education conference and especially Mike Fabricant, who led the PSC's contribution to organizing the event.
- Resolution in support of Universal Pre-K in New York City:
Motion to accept the resolution entitled "PSC endorses UPKNYC Campaign" was approved. (Motion: B. Bowen; second: S. Scheidlower)
Therefore be it resolved, that the Professional Staff Congress will lend its support to win home rule legislation in Albany allowing New York City to raise income taxes for this purpose; and
Be it further resolved, that the Professional Staff Congress endorses the UPKNYC campaign, will provide financial support, pledge to mobilize our members and students, and contribute as called upon to assure the campaign's success.
- Statement in opposition to two current bills in the State Legislature that would punish Constitutionally protected speech at institutions of higher education in New York by withholding State funds: **Motion to accept the statement entitled "PSC Opposes NYS Senate Bill S. 6438 and NYS Assembly Bill A. 8392" was approved.** (Motion: B. Bowen; second: S. London)
The PSC will work with its membership and all of its affiliates to oppose S. 6438 and A.8392. We call on adherents of academic freedom to join us.
 - CUNY will have a new chancellor, J. B. Milliken. Bowen issued a statement asking him to honor the 92% vote in opposition to Pathways, negotiate a fair contract with the PSC and aggressively advocate for increased public funding for CUNY.
 - Collective bargaining – PSC is prepared to go into economic bargaining, and we have commenced work on some non-economic issues. Even without being in formal bargaining, PSC and CUNY have addressed paid parental leave, phased retirement, adjunct health insurance, a 21-hour course load at NYCCT, salary increases for CLIP teachers, and a new program for PSC/CUNY grants.

- The NYSUT Representative Assembly will be in April.

III. Administrative Action Items

A. Treasurer's Report – M. Fabricant

Monthly Financial Report – November

Summary of Financial Report for the month:

Income: \$1,549,000 Expenses: \$1,266,000 Surplus: \$283,000

Summary for the year-to-date (3 months)

Income: \$4,467,000 Expenses: \$4, 403,000 Surplus: \$64,000

Year-to-date (3 months)

A \$90,000 deficit was budgeted for the first three months. The November financial statement shows a surplus. PSC spent \$61,000 less in than budgeted and received \$93,000 more income than anticipated. This situation will change in coming months.

Motion to accept the November financial report was approved. (Motion: H. Meltzer; second: A. Sherman)

B. Executive Director's Report – D. Bell

Elections Committee Report – An election was held for representation of the Brooklyn EOC: Felicia Wharton was elected chair, Angel Calderon, Vice Chair and Welfare Fund Representative, Irene Dashebsky, Secretary.

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

Pre-printed nomination forms for chapter elections are now available. They are due back March 3. There will be an informational meeting on election rules on February 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Staff changes: Adrienne de Ross is retiring April 2. John Tarleton is resigning to go back to *The Independent*. Sarah Hughes is leaving to coordinate the internship program at the Murphy Institute. Delegates expressed their appreciation for the important contributions of these members of the PSC staff.

IV. Reports and Action Items

• HEO/CLT Time Sheet Campaign – I. DeLutro

HEO and CLT activists have collected more 1,550 signatures on the petition, and signatures continue to come in. CUNY must understand and resolve the concerns our members have with the timesheets. As part of the campaign, HEO and CLT leaders have visited all the campuses, and have held many hundreds of conversations with members—learning about their concerns and building their connection to the union.

• State Budget Campaign – S. London

Sign up sheets for lobby days on February 25 and 26 are circulating. We will have to work hard to support our vote earlier tonight to oppose the anti-academic freedom bills in the

State Legislature. The union is preparing testimony on the State budget. PSC already has people working on the Dream Act and EdTPA. More member activists are needed. The Governor's budget proposes to fund only a flat amount for Maintenance-of Effort, leaving a gap of nearly \$50 million—which will be filled with scheduled student tuition increases for 2014/15 unless it is addressed by the Legislature.

NYSUT has launched a campaign to increase funding for public higher education called "NY is a State of Mind." It calls for an endowment to fund full-time faculty positions at CUNY and SUNY.

The Black/Puerto Rican/Hispanic caucus has new leadership and is poised to become a progressive force in the State Legislature.

March 3 and 4 are the Committee of 100 lobby days. April 9 is CUNY at the Council. Local district lobbying will be May 1 and 2 and June 12 and 13.

The PSC Retirees Chapter was awarded a \$25,000 Solidarity grant from NYSUT to fund the Social Safety Net campaign.

- B. Bowen reported that Anne Friedman will receive NYSUT's higher education award and participants in Occupy Sandy will be honored with a community service award at the NYSUT RA.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

L. Cohen suggests having reports from the campuses on the Pathways campaign at the next meeting.

J. Gallagher suggests forming a working committee on CUNYfirst to prepare a report for the new chancellor. There are major registration and enrollment problems.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM was approved. (Motion: A. Pearlman)