

PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly
 Minutes: June 20, 2013

Present:

Delegates:

BOWEN	EC	POWELL	BMCC	DILL	KCC
BRANDON	EC	BALDWIN-JONES	C	FARRELL	KCC
BUCHSBAUM	EC	CAPPETTI	C	ROONEY	KCC
CERMELE	EC	FEIGENBERG	C	YARMISH	KCC
COHEN	EC	ELHAKEM	CLT	EGGER-SIDER	LGCC
DELUTRO	EC	GRAHAM	CLT	FARRELL	L
DESOLA	EC	JEU	CLT	HYMAN	L
DIRAIMO	EC	MCINTYRE	CLT	AWOLABI	ME
FABRICANT	EC	SHERMAN	CLT	PHILLIPS	ME
FRIEDMAN	EC	ANGOTTI	H	ALBANY	NYCT
LONDON	EC	BERNARDINI	HCC	CUORDILEONE	NYCT
PEARLMAN	EC	STEINBERG	HCC	MACDONALD	NYCT
PERSINGER	EC	ANDREWS	HEO	MASON	NYCT
SPEAR	EC	BRENNAN	HEO	O'HALLORAN	NYCT
VASQUEZ	EC	CLAPP	HEO	VEY	NYCT
VAZQUEZ	EC	CONNORS	HEO	ENGLISH	Q
VITALE	EC	CRUZ-EUSEBIO	HEO	LEITES	Q
WASHINGTON	EC	DONEY	HEO	SANUDO	Q
WEISBLATT	EC	GALLAGHER	HEO	BARBANEL	QCC
AJA	B	GOODMAN	HEO	CESARANO	QCC
GRASSMAN	B	HERNANDEZ	HEO	CUTRONE	QCC
PARMAR	B	JENNINGS	HEO	SINCLAIR	QCC
WILLS	B	LEVINE	HEO	STARK	QCC
TANSEL	BAR	MATOS	HEO	ZINGER	QCC
DAVIS	BCC	NELSON	HEO	BALMUTH	RET
DICK	BCC	NURSE	HEO	GREENBAUM	RET
LAWTON	BCC	RIVERS	HEO	HYLAND	RET
MAZZATENTA	BCC	ROBERTS	HEO	KOTELCHUCK	RET
CROCCO	BMCC	RODRIGUEZ	HEO	MCCALL	RET
GRONOWICZ	BMCC	WINTER	HEO	PERLSTEIN	RET
HUTCHISON	BMCC	WU	HEO	VILLAFANE	RET
KURTZ	BMCC	BORNSTEIN	JJ	WURMAN	RET
LEVY	BMCC	MARKOWITZ	JJ	CLINE	Y
MEDINA	BMCC	PITTMAN	JJ	SHEIDLOWER	Y
MELTZER	BMCC	ARANOFF	KCC	STAUB	Y
NAVARATNE	BMCC	ARMSTRONG II	KCC		
OFFENHOLLEY	BMCC	CALLY	KCC		

Staff:

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

Guests:

Harry Cason (CSI); Linda Caspe (RET); Rod Dimitris (CSI); Luke Elliott (GC); Susan Hoff (QCC); David Kritt (CSI); Vasilios Petratos (CSI); George Sanchez (CSI); Jacob Segal (KCC); Ruth Silverburg (CSI); Peter Taubman (B); Adam Tripp (BCC); Alia Tyner (GCC)

I. Approvals

A. Agenda

Motion was made to add “Update on CUNY’s Use of Timesheets” under New Business.

(Motion: I. DeLutro; second: A. Sherman)

Motion to accept the agenda as amended was approved. (Motion: S. Sheidlower; second: A. Pearlman)

B. Minutes – to be voted on later in the meeting

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

- Pathways Referendum – President Bowen reported that 92% voted No Confidence in Pathways in an unprecedented referendum among full-time faculty University-wide. The No Confidence vote constitutes a demand for action; it is not a mere expression of opposition.
- The PSC had a strong presence at the rally of municipal unions on June 12 to protest the fact that all unionized New York City employees are currently without a contract. Bowen was among the speakers, and called on union members to recognize our own power.
- The Union of University Professions (UUP), the SUNY faculty union, ratified their contract with a 75% majority. The salary increases for successive years of the agreement are 0%, 0%, 0%, 2%, and 2%; the contract included increases in some health insurance costs and a combination of paid and unpaid furlough days.
- **Motion to pass the “Resolution in Support of Peaceful Protests in Gezi Park in Istanbul, Turkey” was approved with editorial changes.** (Motion: A. Tansel; second: I. DeLutro)

RESOLVED, that the PSC joins the Council of Global Unions (an organization of 11 global union federations, including Education International and Public Services International) and the European Federation of Public Service Unions in their demand for an immediate investigation of the use of disproportionate police violence against peaceful demonstrators and bringing them to trial; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the PSC recognizes the legitimate demands of the protestors and deplors the Turkish police brutality; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the PSC will present this resolution to its national affiliate, AFT, for similar action.

- **Motion to send a letter in support of the Legal Services Workers (UAW Local 2320) who are on strike was approved.** (Motion: J. Pittman; second: E. Leites)

III. Reports and Action Items

A. Citywide Endorsements – S. London

The following recommendations were approved by the Legislation Committee and the Executive Council. They were presented to the Delegate Assembly for action. Extensive discussion and debate ensued.

1. **Motion to endorse Bill De Blasio for NYC Mayor in the Democratic primary was approved.**
2. **Motion to endorse Letitia James for Public Advocate in the Democratic primary was approved.**
3. **Motion to endorse Scott Stringer for NYC Comptroller in the Democratic primary was approved.**
4. **Motion to endorse Robert Jackson for Manhattan Borough President in the Democratic primary was approved.**
5. **Motion to endorse Eric Adams for Brooklyn Borough President in the Democratic primary was approved.**

B. Fall Meeting Calendar – A. DeSola

Motion to accept the dates of October 10, November 14, and December 12 was approved. (Motion: A. DeSola; second: I. DeLutro) In response to a concern about religious observance raised by a delegate, the officers offered to look for an alternative date in September.

C. Resolution on Teacher Education – S. London

On behalf of the ad hoc committee of teacher educators, Vice President London, P. Parmar, D. Kritt, R. Silverberg, and P. Taubman presented and discussed a resolution in opposition to the Council on Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), Race to the Top (RTTP) and Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) entitled "Teacher Educators' Professional Autonomy and Academic Freedom Must be Safeguarded." B. Falk was invited to present an alternative analysis, in support of the Teacher Performance Assessment.

Motion to defer until the next meeting failed. (Motion: L. Cohen; second: G. Brandon)

Motion to adopt the resolution to safeguard teacher educators' professional autonomy and academic freedom was approved. (Motion: Ad hoc committee of teacher educators)

The PSC therefore rejects the notion that CAEP in its current form and edTPA constitute appropriate assessments.

I. Approvals (continued)

B. Minutes

Motion to accept the May minutes with correct attendance was approved. (Motion: A. Pearlman; second: A. Sherman)

IV. Administrative Action Items

A. Executive Director's Report (continued)

Elections Committee Report – Vice President London presented the Election's Committee determination that one violation in the faculty chapter election at the College of Staten Island necessitates rerunning the election in October. Because elected chapter leaders serve a three-year term under the PSC Constitution, and current leaders have completed three years of service, the chapter leadership positions are now vacant. The appointed chapter grievance counselor will continue to serve. (The DA could not accept the report due to the absence of a quorum.)

B. Treasurer's Report – M. Fabricant

Because of time constraints, the Treasurer proposed presenting his report in September; the proposal was approved by the Delegates.

V. New Business

Update on CUNY's Use of Timesheets

Iris DeLutro and Albert Sherman reported that CUNY management has developed a new timesheet that HEOs and CLTs will be required to use, starting in July or September, depending on college location. The new timesheets require daily reporting on a biweekly basis. There has been an intense negative reaction to the new timesheets, which were not negotiated with the union. Further discussion will occur at future meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 pm was approved. (Motion: S. Persinger; second: A. Pearlman)