

PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly

Minutes: March 15, 2012

Present:

Delegates:

BATSON	EC	RANGEL	C	EGGER-SIDER	LGCC
BOWEN	EC	DUNKEL	CCO	WALTERS	LGCC
BUCHSBAUM	EC	ELHAKEM	CLT	CROCCO	MCC
CERMELE	EC	LITTLEHAWK	CLT	FORD	MCC
COHEN	EC	MCINTYRE	CLT	GRONOWICZ	MCC
DELUTRO	EC	SHERMAN	CLT	MELTZER	MCC
DESOLA	EC	KRITT	CSI	MOORMAN	MCC
DIRAIMO	EC	PETRATOS	CSI	POST	MCC
FABRICANT	EC	GOLD	H	HUTCHISON	MCC, ALT
FRIEDHEIM	EC	GOODMAN	H	NAVARTNE	MCC, ALT
FRIEDMAN	EC	JOHN	H	AWOLABI	ME
LEWIS	EC	PERNA	H, ALT	BERRY	MEOC
LONDON	EC	STEINBERG	HCC	PETTAWAY	MEOC
MENNA	EC	BRENNAN	HEO	CUORDILEONE	NYCT
MORAN	EC	CHITTY	HEO	SANUDO	Q
NEWFIELD	EC	GALLAGHER	HEO	BARBANEL	QCC
PANAYOTAKIS	EC	MEDINA	HEO	BERLINGER	QCC
PEARLMAN	EC	NELSON	HEO	CESARANO	QCC
PIMENTEL	EC	RODRIGUEZ	HEO	KUSZAI	QCC
SPEAR	EC	WINTER	HEO	SINCLAIR	QCC
VASQUEZ	EC	WU	HEO	FLETCHER-	QCC, ALT
WEISBLATT	EC	CROWNOVER	HEO, ALT	HOCK	QCC, ALT
GRASSMAN	B	BORNSTEIN	JJ	HYLAND	RET
HITCHCOCK	BAR	MAJUMDAR	JJ	KOTELCHUCK	RET
WINE	BAR	MAMELI	JJ	LEBERSTEIN	RET
DICK	BCC	NARKUNAS	JJ	MCCALL	RET
MAZZATENTA	BCC	MARKOWITZ	JJ, ALT	PERLSTEIN	RET
PERSINGER	BCC	PITTMAN	JJ, ALT	SELTZER	RET
WOLF	BCC	YARMISH	KCC	BALMUTH	RET, ALT
MUÑOZ	BXEOC	PHILIPP	L	BERGER	RET, ALT
BARNETT	C	DE LA CRUZ	L, ALT	METCALF	Y
FEIGENBERG	C	COOGAN	LGCC	VASQUEZ	Y, ALT

Staff:

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

Guests:

Harry Cason (Ret.); Larry Gold (AFT); Matthew Liu; Tony O'Brien (Ret); Adam Tripp (BCC); Mary Yakop (Q)

- I. Approvals
  - A. Agenda
 

**Motion to accept revised agenda with a modification for more time in President’s Report for discussion of Pathways was approved.** (Motion: J. Pittman; second: F. Pimentel)
  - B. Minutes
 

February minutes will be sent to delegates for review electronically.
  
- II. President’s Report and Discussion – B. Bowen
  - A. Pathways - Thanks to delegates who spoke at Town Hall Meeting, who brought other members and who have helped members to organize to press their views. Bowen discussed the union’s plan to defend the quality of education at CUNY and the essential rights of the faculty, including through legal action.
  - B. Delegates from each campus volunteered to work with chapter chairs on campus to make sure all members have a chance to sign the petition.
  - C. Bowen reported on EC actions (forwarded from last DA) (material distributed tonight):
    - Resolution of support for striking Greek Steelworkers was approved.
    - Sent letter of support to ILWU Local 21 in Longview, Washington
    - Proposed Procedures for EC & DA Resolutions – please review for vote at next meeting
  - D. Delegates saw slide show on PSC legislative activities during the past month.
  - E. Bowen introduced Larry Gold, Director of the Higher Education division of the American Federation of Teachers, who has announced his retirement; she thanked him for his years of work on behalf of the PSC and other higher education unions throughout the country.
  
- III. Administrative Action Items
  - A. Treasurer’s Report – M. Fabricant
 

Monthly Report – January

Summary of Financial Report for January 2012

Income: \$1,082,000	Expenses: \$1,300,000	Deficit: (\$218,000)
Year-to-date (5 months)		
Income: \$6,735,000	Expenses: \$6,424,000	Surplus: \$311,000

Expenditures through January are running well below projections but will increase as staff positions are filled and various campaigns heat up during the spring. Nonetheless, the large projected end-of-year deficit is unlikely.

**Motion to accept the January Financial Report was approved.** (Motion: R. Cermele; second: A. Sherman)

B. Executive Director's Report – D. Bell

Elections Committee certified the following elections:

- BMCC – Tom Burgess elected as Alternate Delegate to replace Will Craig Hutchison, who is moving to Delegate
- BXCC – LeRoi Lawton was elected Delegate, and Leslie DeGiere was elected Alternate Delegate

Elections Committee certified all nominating petitions for University-wide elections. Ballots will be mailed April 2<sup>nd</sup> and must be received by 5pm on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion to accept the elections committee report was approved.** (Motion: H. Meltzer; second: J. Moorman)

Announcement: PSC is a sponsor of the unified May Day demonstration this year, at 4PM, a march from Union Square to Foley Square to Wall Street. The message is to organize, unionize, legalize—May Day for the 99%—Jobs for All.

IV. Reports and Action Items

- Legislative Report – S. London
  - PSC members have met extensively with legislators, pressing our priorities.
  - There are two one-house budget bills with changes to Governor Cuomo's proposed budget, including increased funding for Community College base aid.
  - The labor movement is planning a strategy in response to the passage of Tier 6—a shameful political deal.  
Delegates expressed concern about impact of longer vesting period under Tier 6 on adjuncts; PSC will make every effort to help adjuncts enroll in TRS by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

V. Old Business

A. Proposed Resolution: Objection to AFT Endorsement of President Obama for the 2012 Election

After lengthy discussion, no vote was held due to lack of a quorum. Resolution will be raised at April DA; Delegates were encouraged to hold discussions about it on campuses.

B. Adjunct Pay Dates – D. Bell reported on CUNY’s unilateral decision to reduce the pay dates for teaching adjuncts from 9 to 8 each semester, with the effect that the first pay date could be as much as one month after the start of the semester. Issue will go to EC for further discussion and be brought back to the DA.

VI. New Business

- Petition on Haiti will be resubmitted as a resolution.
- The remaining resolutions were not advanced, due to the lack of a quorum.

VII. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn was approved.** (Motion: A. Pearlman)