

PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly

Minutes: May 16, 2013

Present:

Delegates:

BATSON	EC	JEU	CLT	WINTER	HEO
BOWEN	EC	SHERMAN	CLT	GRONOWICZ	MCC
BRANDON	EC	PETRATOS	CSI	KURTZ	MCC
CERMELE	EC	JOHN	H	MELTZER	MCC
COHEN	EC	STEINBERG	HCC	MOORMAN	MCC
DIRAIMO	EC	MEDINA	HEO	OFFENHOLLEY	MCC
FABRICANT	EC	NELSON	HEO	CRAWFORD	ME
FRIEDHEIM	EC	WINTER	HEO	JOHN	H
FRIEDMAN	EC	WU	HEO	STEINBERG	HCC
LONDON	EC	CLAPP	HEO, ALT	ENGLISH	Q
MORAN	EC	CLARKE	JJ	LEITES	Q
NEWFIELD	EC	MAJUMDAR	JJ	BARBANEL	QCC
PANAYOTAKIS	EC	MAMELI	JJ	BERLINGER	QCC
PEARLMAN	EC	NARKUNAS	JJ	LAU	QCC
SPEAR	EC	PITTMAN	JJ, ALT	SINCLAIR	QCC
VASQUEZ	EC	ROONEY	KCC	MALOY	QCC, ALT
VAZQUEZ	EC	FARRELL	L	KOTELCHUCK	RET
DEXTER	B	PHILIPP	L	LEBERSTEIN	RET
PERSINGER	BCC	COOGAN	LGCC	PERLSTEIN	RET
BARNETT	C	CROCCO	MCC	SELTZER	RET
FEIGENBERG	C	JOHN	H	BALMUTH	RET, ALT
RANGEL	C	STEINBERG	HCC	CLINE	Y
CARAGIULO	CCO	MEDINA	HEO	FRANK	Y
		NELSON	HEO	STAUB	Y, ALT

Staff:

Bell, D.	Cheng, I.	Graf, B.	Reilly, A.	Zauderer, N.
Bergen, D.	Clark, F.	Herst, J.	Tartleton, J.	Zwiebach, P.
Black, A.	Gabriel, B.	Hughes, S.	Vandenburgh, J.	
Brill, D.	Gergely, J.	Pfordresher, K.		

Guests:

Nancy Agabian (Q); Arto Artinian (Q); Harry Cason (CSI); M. Friedman (Q); Carol Lang (BCC); Portia Seddon (H); Jacob Sug (KCC); Howard Singer (Bar); Henry Sirotin (H); Leslie Shaw (BMCC, QCC); Adam Tripp (BCC); Mike Vozick (BMCC)

- I. Approvals
- A. Agenda
- Motion to add to the agenda a resolution for an inclusive referendum in the fall was approved under New Business.** (Motion: E. Leites; second: J. Pittman) To be consistent with DA policy on resolutions, it can be discussed tonight and voted on in June.
- Motion to amend the amendment to move New Business to be considered after Approvals failed.** (Motion: H. Clark; second: S. John)
- Motion to accept the agenda as amended was approved.** (Motion: A. Pearlman; second: E. Leites)
- B. Minutes
- Motion to accept the April minutes was approved with Bonnie Nelson changed to Robert Nelson.** (Motion: A. Sherman; second: A. Pearlman)
- Motion to accept the March minutes was approved.** (Motion: A. Pearlman; second: R. Cermele)
- II. President's Report and Discussion – B. Bowen
- Pathways Campaign and Future Organizing – President Bowen reported on the importance of continuing to push for a large turnout in the Pathways referendum. The American Arbitration Association has sent a letter to everyone who received a ballot apologizing for the technical problems with voting in the first few days.
  - Adjunct Health Insurance – PSC continues to work on a permanent solution to maintaining adjunct health insurance.
  - CLC Mayoral Endorsement – The CLC is trying to unify behind a single mayoral endorsement. The PSC is part of this effort.
  - PSC policy against Stop-and-frisk – PSC continues to fight for justice for Ramarley Graham.
  - MLC Rally – The NYC public employee unions will have a joint rally for fair contracts for all on June 12. UUP reached a settlement consistent with the pattern for state unions. The PSC's best chance to resist that pattern is to stand together with other municipal unions.
  - NYSUT Rally – PSC will participate in a statewide NYSUT rally on June 8 in Albany.
  - Contract Rally at Research Foundation – PSC members will rally for a fair contract for PSC members at Research Foundation Central Office on May 21.
- III. Administrative Action Items
- A. Executive Director's Report – D. Bell
- D. Bell reported that the Elections Committee certified all of the chapter elections except the election at CSI, which has been challenged. Materials relating to the challenge are due May 17. The Elections Committee will rule on the challenge on May 23.
- Motion to accept the election results certified by the Elections Committee was approved.** (Motion: D. Kotelchuck; second: G. Brandon)
- Motion to certify Tanya Agathocleous who was elected as Delegate from Hunter College was approved.** (Motion: E. Moran; second: A. Feigenberg)

B. Treasurer's Report – M. Fabricant

Summary of Financial Report for March 2013

Income: \$1,412,000	Expenses: \$1,513,000	Deficit: (\$101,000)
Year-to-date (7 months)		
Income: \$9,655,000	Expenses: \$9,652,000	Surplus: \$3,000

**Year-to-date (7 months)**

The financial statement shows an actual seven-month surplus of \$3,000. Over seven months, the union spent \$297,000 less in expenses than budgeted and received \$187,000 less income than anticipated, resulting in a favorable bottom line of \$110,000.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was approved.** (Motion: E. Moran; second: R. Cermele)

Executive Director's Report (continued)

- The Pathways vote has revealed that the union does not have accurate contact information for some members. Please urge members to update their contact information.
- Members are encouraged to comment on David Arnow's article about CUNYfirst on the web site. This is the beginning of a more systematic effort to collect stories on members' experiences with CUNYfirst.

IV. Reports and Action Items

- Teacher Performance Assessment Resolution – Presentation  
Vice President London reported that teacher educators are having their autonomy and academic freedom undermined by proposed methods of assessing teacher performance in NYS. This will in turn undermine the preparation of teacher candidates. A resolution was distributed which will be voted on at the June DA.
- Proposed Changes in the Election Rules - Could not be voted on due to lack of a quorum.
- Endorsements – S. London  
Vice President London reported on the city council races in which the PSC Executive Council made endorsements. There are thirteen more city council races to consider along with those of the public advocate and the mayor.  
G. Kurtz reported on the meeting with Bill DeBlasio, who had been unable to participate in PSC's Mayoral Forum and came to meet with EC and Leg. Committee members

V. Old Business

E. Moran reported that the committee on greening the DA will conduct an electronic survey and report at the next DA.

VI. New Business

Proposal to hold an all-inclusive Pathways referendum in the fall – The proposer of the resolution was no longer present.

VII. Adjournment

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