PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly
Minutes: October 25, 2012

Present:

Delegates:

- BATSON
- BOWEN
- BRANDON
- BUCHSBAUM
- CERMELE
- COHEN
- DELUTRO
- DESOLA
- DIRAIMO
- FRIEDHEIM
- FRIEDMAN
- MORAN
- NEWFIELD
- PANAYOTAKIS
- PEARLMAN
- WEISBLATT
- WILLS
- HILL
- HITCHCOCK
- DICK
- PERSINGER
- FEIGENBERG
- RANGEL
- DUNKEL
- CARAGIULO
- JEU

Staff:

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

Guests:

- Susana Alaiz Losada (GC);
- Harry Cason (CSI);
- Eila Cesarano;
- Jackie Elliot (NYCT);
- Ron Pettaway (MEOC);
- Adam Tripp (BCC);

I. Approvals
   A. Agenda
Motion to accept the agenda was approved, amended to add Letter of Solidarity with Haitian Teachers. (Motion: H. Meltzer; second: I. DeLutro)

B. Minutes

September Minutes will be distributed electronically.

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

- Adjunct Health Insurance – The PSC and CUNY have worked together to develop a proposal, which will be submitted for review by the appropriate public entities. Tomorrow the Welfare Fund Trustees will be asked to continue coverage through November; CUNY has agreed to provide supplemental funding to help defray the costs of continuing coverage through the Welfare Fund. The union’s goal remains to provide comparable coverage to eligible adjuncts, with no break in service.
- Pathways – QCC English Department took a stand for more time with their students, retaining a 4-hour composition course. DA’s resolution from September meeting calling for a moratorium on the implementation of Pathways is gaining support from faculty around the University. Faculty are standing up, calling for reasoned, careful discussion of what kind of curriculum is in the best interests of students. Governance votes are scheduled over the next month on Pathways courses. Faculty around the country are following this fight.
- Discussion and reports from delegates followed.
- Bowen reported on the Executive Council meeting, including approval of a resolution to endorse the campaign, led by teachers’ unions, to eliminate cholera in Haiti.
- Delegates are asked to volunteer for activities around upcoming election.
- (First Vice President assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting, as President Bowen was called away.)

III. Administrative Action Items

A. Treasurer’s Report – M. Fabricant

- Monthly Financial Report – August
  
  Summary of Financial Report for August 2012, which represents the totals for PSC fiscal year 2011/2012
  Income: $1,484,000 Expenses: $1,756,000 Deficit: ($272,000)
  Year-to-date
  Income: $16,214,000 Expenses: $16,073,000 Surplus: $141,000

  Because of economies and the time required to fill several staff positions, we ended the year with a $141,000 surplus and a $829,000 positive variance.

  Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report was approved. (Motion: A. Pearlman; second: E. Moran)

- PSC 2012/13 Annual Budget
  Income: $16,869,000 Expenses: $17,054,000 Deficit: ($185,000)
Questions from last meeting asking for details about proposed expenses under lines 34, 43 and 50 were addressed.

**Motion to approve proposed PSC 2012/13 Budget was approved.** (Motion: I. DeLutro; second: J. Wills)

B. Executive Director’s Report – D. Bell
   - The Executive Council approved the hiring of two new organizers to fill existing vacancies: D. Bell introduced Amena Black and Sam Rasiotis.
   - D. Bell reported on the nominees proposed by the officers for the Elections Committee:
     - **Motion to accept proposed nominees for DA Elections Committee was approved.** (Motion: S. London; second: A. Sherman)
   - Elections Committee Report:
     - Hunter College: two new delegates – Tom Angotti and Frank Mirer – filling vacant positions
     - Queensborough: one new delegate – Matt Lau – replacing Lisa Mertz; one new alternate delegate – Elyn Feldman – replacing Susan Hock, who moved to the delegate position
     - **Motion to accept Elections Committee Report was approved.** (Motion: S. London; second: R. Cermele)

IV. Reports and Action Items
   - Legislative Report – S. London urged delegates to remain active in election effort, and outlined opportunities that remain during the next two weeks.

V. Old Business – None

VI. New Business
   - Resolution for a letter of Support for Haitian Teachers – A quorum did not exist, so a vote could not be taken. President Bowen will send a letter to the appropriate Haitian education commissioner supporting striking Haitian teachers based on prior resolutions.

VII. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn was approved.**