

PSC-CUNY Delegate Assembly  
January 28, 2010

Present:

BATSON	EC	APOSTOLAKIS	BCC, ALT	SEITZ	JJ, ALT
BOWEN	EC	VILLAFANE	BXOC	BARNHART	KCC
BRANDON	EC	GREEN	C	ROONEY	KCC
CERMELE	EC	DUNKEL	CCO	MINEKA	L
COHEN	EC	CARR	CLT	WALTERS	LAG
DELUTRO	EC	JOHNSON	CLT	HILL	MCC
DESOLA	EC	MCINTYRE	CLT	MOORMAN	MCC
DIRAIMO	EC	SHERMAN	CLT	POST	MCC
FABRICANT	EC	FLANAGAN	CSI	RAUSHER	MCC
FRIEDHEIM	EC	PETRATOS	CSI	VOZICK	MCC
FRIEDMAN	EC	GOLD	H	MELTZER	MCC, ALT
GILL	EC	GOLDBERG	H	CATAPANE	ME
LINDSKOOG	EC	JOHN	H	BELCON	ME, ALT
MCDANIEL	EC	PERNA	H, ALT	RUDDEN	NYCT
MENNA	EC	COLÓN	HCC	SCRIBNER	NYCT
NEWFIELD	EC	STEINBERG	HCC	DAVISON	Q
PANAYOTAKIS	EC	ANDREWS	HEO	SANUDO	Q
PIMENTEL	EC	IRONS	HEO	BARBANEL	QCC
VASQUEZ	EC	MEDINA	HEO	FABRICANT	QCC
DEXTER	B	MUCHITA	HEO	MATCOVSKY	REG
PARMAR	B	RODRIGUEZ	HEO	BERGER	RET
SHORTELL	B	WINTER	HEO	JUDD	RET
DISALVO	BAR	BORNSTEIN	JJ	KOTELCHUCK	RET
HILL	BAR	CLARKE	JJ	BALMUTH	RET, ALT
WINE	BAR	COHEN	JJ	CACERES	RF
DICK	BCC	MARKOWITZ	JJ, ALT	FRANK	Y

Staff:

ALLADIN, FAYE	GERGELY, JOHN	MURRAY, ROB	SIMMONS, ALISA
BELL, DEBBIE	GRAF, BRIAN	PFORDRESHER, KATE	TARTLETON, JOHN
BERGER, MORIAH	HOGNESS, PETER	RAJENDRA, DANIA	WRIGHT, CAROL
BRILL, DEIRDRE	MAGALHAES, AMANDA	RODRIGUEZ-ROBBINS, NICOLE	ZAUDERER, NAOMI
GABRIEL, BARBARA	MUÑOZ, ALBERT	ROSATO, DIANA	ZWIEBACH, PETER

Guests: Frank Riley

I. Approvals

A. Agenda

**Motion to accept the agenda was approved.** (Motion: I. DeLutro ; second: J. Judd)

B. Minutes

**Motion to accept the minutes as revised by the Treasurer was approved.** (Motion: C. Post, second: V. Caceres)

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

- B. Bowen congratulated Santiago Villafañe, chapter chair at the Bronx EOC, on his retirement and thanked him for his substantial contributions to the PSC.
- NYSUT President Dick Ianuzzi will attend the next EC meeting to discuss the structure of the PSC's per capita payments to NYSUT.
- The EC held a special EC meeting in January to prepare for the upcoming meeting with President Ianuzzi, discuss the contract campaign, and finish preparations of two resolutions for NYSUT: "New York Needs Comprehensive Workplace Programs to Control the H1N1 Flu Epidemic" and "Opposition to the War in Afghanistan."
- B. Bowen reported that she is planning to lead membership meetings in each chapter this spring to listen to members' priorities for the next round of bargaining and discuss the contract campaign necessary to achieve those objectives. The first step in the Contract Campaign is the formation of a Committee of 500 consisting of members throughout the CUNY system who will make a commitment to actively support the contract campaign on their campuses. Each member of the Committee of 500 will be asked to sign a pledge card.
- We have confirmed the evening of Friday, February 19, 2010 for an event in solidarity with the people of Haiti.

## III. Administrative Action Items

### A. Treasurer's Report – M. Fabricant

#### Financial Report for November 2009:

Income: \$1,437,000	Expenses: \$1,257,000	Surplus: \$180,000
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#### Year-to-date (3 months):

Income: \$3,712,000	Expenses: \$3,331,000	Surplus: \$381,000
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The December minutes will be revised to reflect a \$3,000 deficit, not a surplus, for the month of October.

We made a \$1,000 contribution for disaster relief in Haiti; half to Doctors Without Borders and half to Partners in Health.

A \$55,000 deficit was budgeted for three months. However, the financial statement shows an actual three-month surplus of \$381,000. Over three months, we spent \$472,000 less than budgeted and received \$36,000 less income than anticipated. This resulted in a favorable bottom line of \$436,000.

**Motion to accept the November Financial Report was approved.** (Motion: R. Cermele; second: I. DeLutro)

B. Executive Director's Report – D. Bell

- The Research Foundation Central Office members ratified the contract that you recommended with 93% voting in favor.
- The election committee certified an election at Queens College: Abe Walker was elected as Alternate Delegate replacing Carl Lindskoog, who is now in the QCC chapter.

**Motion to accept the election committee report was approved.** (Motion: R. Cermele; second: M. Vozick)

2010 nominating petitions will be available for the spring elections on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, and petitions will be mailed to all chapter chairs at chapters having elections. Petitions need to be submitted by Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Elections will be held April 5 – April 29.

- D. Bell introduced Carol Wright, who has been on the PSC staff for several months, working as the lead researcher on the CUNY and Race research project. She comes to us after having conducted a similar study for MIT.
- The PSC will conduct additional GROW training for students on February 6<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Bell reported that the union has adopted a Conflict of Interest policy and a Whistleblower policy. They cover all elected officials of the PSC. A vote on the policy will be taken at the next DA.

IV. Action Items

**Motion to change the March DA from March 25<sup>th</sup> to March 18<sup>th</sup> due to a conflict with the AFT Higher Education Conference was approved.** (Motion: A. DeSola; second: G. Walters)

V. Discussion – Mobilizing on Budget

B. Bowen reported that Speaker Quinn replaced Charles Barron with Ydanis Rodriguez as the Higher Education Committee chairperson in the city council.

**Motion to thank Charles Barron for his service and advocacy on behalf of CUNY faculty, staff and students during his term as Chairperson of the City Council Higher Education Committee. We applaud his support for increased funding for CUNY, his work to introduce need-based scholarships, his advocacy for the Black Male Initiative and other valuable programs, and for the passion, energy, and sprezzatura with which he approached his position.** (Motion: G. Walters; second: D. Gill)

State Budget – B. Bowen reported that Governor Paterson announced a deficit of \$7.8 billion for FY2010-2011, and the state has to balance its budget. He has proposed making \$63.6 million in cuts at CUNY's 11 senior colleges, a further \$20.8 million in "savings on personnel costs" and a cut of \$285 per full-time-equivalent student at CUNY's six community colleges (11%). These cuts come after nearly \$100 million in cuts last year and two decades of underfunding. In the past several years, SUNY and CUNY have borne a disproportionate 40% of the total state budget cuts. Please sign up to visit your state legislators and urge them to defend the CUNY budget.

Bowen also discussed the union's opposition to the Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act.

**Motion to accept the Resolution in Opposition to Governor Paterson's Proposed Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act was approved.** (Motion: B. Bowen; second: M. Fabricant)

**Resolved, that while the PSC believes that some minor elements of the governor's proposal, such as economies of purchasing, may be beneficial for the public universities, the Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act is a dangerous attempt to privatize public higher education; and be it further**

**Resolved, that the PSC call on the New York State Legislature to reject the governor's proposed budget cuts for CUNY, to support the PSC's proposal to the Legislature to make a modest start this year on restoration of funds cut in the past two years, to reject the central, privatizing structure of the Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act, and to accept instead the PSC's proposal to start now on a long-term strategy for rational *investment* by the State in its public university systems.**

B. Bowen stated that Executive Council will develop a proposal to mobilize against the proposed budget cuts and present it to the delegates in some form before the next DA.

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business: None

**Motion to adjourn was approved.** (Motion: C. Post; second: G. Dunkel)

Respectfully submitted,



Arthurine DeSola  
Secretary