

PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly

Minutes: March 17, 2011

Present:

Delegates:

BOWEN	EC	PETRATOS	CSI	GRONOWICZ	MCC
BUCHSBAUM	EC	GABOURY	H	KURTZ	MCC
CERMELE	EC	GOLD	H	MELTZER	MCC
COHEN	EC	JOHN	H	MOORMAN	MCC
DIRAIMO	EC	PERNA	H, ALT	OFFENHOLLEY	MCC
FABRICANT	EC	STEINBERG	HCC	POST	MCC
FRIEDHEIM	EC	TOWBER	HCS	RAUSHER	MCC, ALT
FRIEDMAN	EC	ABREU	HEO	AWOLABI	ME
GILL	EC	BRENNAN	HEO	HATCHETT	ME
LEWIS	EC	GALLAGHER	HEO	BERRY	MEOC
LINDSKOOG	EC	NELSON	HEO	MASON	NYCT
LONDON	EC	PIERCEANYAN	HEO	DAVISON	Q
MENNA	EC	RODRIGUEZ	HEO	EISENSTEIN	Q
MORAN	EC	WASHINGTON	HEO	MUKHERJEE	Q
NEWFIELD	EC	WINTER	HEO	BARBANEL	QCC
PANAYOTAKIS	EC	WU	HEO	BERLINGER	QCC
VASQUEZ	EC	CROWNOVER	HEO, ALT	KUSZAI	QCC
WEISBLATT	EC	GOODMAN	HEO, ALT	MARSH	QCC
WINE	BAR	BORNSTEIN	JJ	HYLAND	RET
DICK	BCC	CLARKE	JJ	KOTELCHUCK	RET
MAZZATENTA	BCC	MAJUMDAR	JJ	LEBERSTEIN	RET
PERSINGER	BCC	WILLIAMS	JJ	MCCALL	RET
BARNETT	C	ROONEY	KCC	PERLSTEIN	RET
GREEN	C	YARMISH	KCC	SELTZER	RET
DUNKEL	CCO	HALLIDAY	L	BALMUTH	RET, ALT
SHERMAN	CLT	COOGAN	LGCC	WURMAN	RET, ALT
CAMBRIDGE	CLT, ALT	FRANK	LGCC, ALT	CLINE	Y
FLANAGAN	CSI	CROCCO	MCC	FRANK	Y

Staff:

ALLADIN, FAYE	CLARK, FRAN	MAGALHAES, A.	SIMMONS, ALISA
BELL, DEBBIE	GABRIEL, BARBARA	MUÑOZ, ALBERT	TARTLETON, JOHN
BERGEN, DEBRA	GERGELY, JOHN	MURRAY, ROB	WRIGHT, CAROL
BILLS, JEN	GRAF, BRIAN	PFORDRESHER, KATE	ZAUDERER, NAOMI
BRILL, DEIRDRE	HOGNESS, PETER	ROSATO, DIANA	ZWIEBACH, PETER

Guests:

Harry Cason (CSI); Sharif Elhakem (L); John Graham (C); Armando Ramirez (MEOC); Mike Vozick (BMCC)

I. Approvals

A. Agenda

Motion to amend the agenda to Appeal on Membership of Harry Cason between Announcements and Reports was approved. (Motion: L. Dick; second: M. Batson)

Motion to accept the agenda as amended was approved. (Motion: G. Dunkel; second: C. Post)

B. Minutes

Motion to accept the February minutes was approved. (Motion: L. Cohen; second: D. Kotelchuk)

II. President's Report and Discussion – Barbara Bowen

- Action Item: Election to Fill EC Vacancy
President Bowen opened the floor for nominations for the Cross Campus Officer position vacated by Steve Trimboli.
New Caucus CLT Chapter nominated Alan Pearlman. (Motion: A. Sherman; second: I. DeLutro)
Motion to close nominations was approved. (Motion: I. DeLutro; second: M. Abreu)
Alan Pearlman was elected by acclamation. Results to be certified by Elections Committee.
- B. Bowen reported on the extensive advocacy in Albany by PSC members over the last few weeks. In particular, she thanked members, CUNY students and staff—K. Pfordresher, F. Clark, and A. Magalhaes—for the work that went into the success of the March 15 joint action with NYSUT, UUP and several student groups. More than 700 people traveled to Albany, marched to the Capitol, and met with legislators that day. Our objective is to challenge the premise that an austerity budget is necessary.
- The Executive Council voted unanimously on Friday to plan a direct action in Albany to prevent adoption of an austerity budget. The action will be peaceful and nonviolent.
- F. Crocco presented BMCC's Teach CUNY website (<http://teachcuny.wordpress.com>), which supports faculty who wish to demonstrate how the economic crisis is a manufactured crisis. It includes a fact sheet for students, lesson plans and other resources.
- J. Kuszai from QCC presented the second issue of *The Campus Ledger*, a local newspaper that is being used to teach and organize on campus. There is a website (<http://nyfree.net/>) for the paper as well.
- Bowen announced that Ben Chitty Of QC won NYSUT's Unsung Hero Award for his work bringing together all of the unions on the Queens campus once per month and his work on enforcing the Workplace Violence Prevention Standard.
- The Special DA will take place in two weeks. The delegates will discuss the strategy for the contract campaign with the bargaining committee and the contract campaign committee. Invite people involved in your chapter who might want to participate.

- PSC is building towards a culminating event in support of our contract on May 5, 5:00-7:00pm. This march and rally will make the link between the budget fight and the contract fight utilizing three themes: 1) No austerity for CUNY, 2) No austerity for us in our contract, and 3) PSC unity and solidarity in resisting austerity and advancing our contract demands. The union cannot win increased salaries, HEO advancement, adjunct job security, or reduced workload for full-time faculty without standing together.
- Junior Faculty Development Day was last Saturday, and was very successful. Thank you to the staff and activists who organized the event and led the workshops.

III. Administrative Action Items

A. Treasurer’s Report – Mike Fabricant

Summary of Financial Report for January 2011

Income: \$1,028,000	Expenses: \$1,253,000	Deficit: (\$225,000)
Year-to-date (5 months)		
Income: \$6,609,000	Expenses: \$6,356,000	Surplus: \$253,000

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was approved. (Motion: I. DeLutro; second: A. Sherman)

Fabricant reported that the annual audit was presented to the EC and is posted on the Finance Committee page of the website.

B. Executive Director’s Report – D. Bell

- Bell reported on use of the new website. The Act Now feature, for instance, enabled us to send over 2,000 letters to Albany within a few days.
- Election Committee Report
This April, half of the chapters are having elections. At the Elections Committee meeting on March 11, the committee certified the petitions that were submitted for the spring 2011 elections.

Certified chapter vacancy elections:

1. BMCC – Hemalatha Navaratne was elected Alt. Delegate to replace Shirley Rausher, who moved to a delegate position.
2. Lehman – Mine Doyran and Rosalind Carey were both elected as Alt. Delegates to replace Janet Munch and Robert Farrell, who moved to delegate positions.

Motion to receive the Elections Committee report was approved. (Motion: D. Kotelchuk; second: C. Williams)

C. Plan for Special DA – covered in President’s Report.

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IV. New Business - Harry Cason’s Appeal

Motion to reverse the judgment of the Executive Council as to retiree membership failed.
(Motion: S. John; second: S. DiRaimo)

V. Reports

Testimony on city budget cuts will be posted on the website tomorrow.

VI. Old Business - None

Motion to adjourn was approved at 8:50pm (Motion: C. Post; second: A. Sherman)