

PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly  
April 25, 2011

Present:

**Delegates:**

BATSON	EC	PERSINGER	BCC	PETTAWAY	MEOC
BOWEN	EC	DUNKEL	CCO	CROCCO	MCC
BRANDON	EC	MCINTYRE	CLT	GRONOWICZ	MCC
BUCHSBAUM	EC	PEARLMAN	CLT, ALT	KURTZ	MCC
COHEN	EC	PETRATOS	CSI	MELTZER	MCC
DELUTRO	EC	GOLD	H	MOORMAN	MCC
DESOLA	EC	JOHN	H	OFFENHOLLEY	MCC
DIRAIMO	EC	STEINBERG	HCC	CRAWFORD	ME
FABRICANT	EC	MUCHITA	HEO	HATCHETT	ME
FRIEDHEIM	EC	NELSON	HEO	MASON	NYCT
FRIEDMAN	EC	PACIFI-ELEJALDE	HEO	DAVISON	Q
GILL	EC	PIERCEANYAN	HEO	EISENSTEIN	Q
LONDON	EC	RODRIGUEZ	HEO	SANUDO	Q
MORAN	EC	WINTER	HEO	BERLINGER	QCC
NEWFIELD	EC	CROWNOVER	HEO, ALT	BORRACHERO	QCC
PANAYOTAKIS	EC	LILLY	HEO, ALT	MERTZ	QCC
VASQUEZ	EC	BORNSTEIN	JJ	HOCK	QCC, ALT
WEISBLATT	EC	CLARKE	JJ	HYLAND	RET
DEXTER	B	MARKOWITZ	JJ	KOTELCHUCK	RET
GRASSMAN	B	WILLIAMS	JJ	LEBERSTEIN	RET
JOHNSON	B, ALT	BARNHART	KCC	PERLSTEIN	RET
HILL	BAR	ROONEY	KCC	SELTZER	RET
WINE	BAR	COOGAN	LGCC	BALMUTH	RET, ALT
DICK	BCC	LYNCH	LGCC	CLINE	Y
MAZZATENTA	BCC	SHEN	LGCC	FRANK	Y

**Staff:**

ALLADIN, FAYE	CLARK, FRAN	MUNOZ, ALBERT	SIMMONS, ALISA
BELL, DEBBIE	GABRIEL, B.	MURRAY, ROB	TARTLETON, J.
BERGEN, DEBRA	GRAF, BRIAN	PFORDRESHER, K.	WRIGHT, CAROL
BILLS, JEN	HOGNESS, P.	REUSING, ALEX	ZWIEBACH, P.
BRILL, DEIRDRE	MAGALHAES, A.		

**Guests:**

Harry Cason (CSI); John Graham; Ingrid Hughes; Mike Vozick (BMCC); Carolyn Watford (MEOC)

## I. Approvals

### A. Agenda

**Motion to approve the agenda was approved.** (Motion: A. Pearlman; second: I. DeLutro)

B. Minutes of March DA will be forwarded to delegates for review electronically.

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

- President Bowen invited new delegates to introduce themselves, Ronald Pettaway (MEOC) and Lisa Mertz (QCC).

### A. Action Item: Proposed RF Field Contracts

President Bowen presented the proposed first contract for field unit employees at the CUNY Research Foundation, and congratulated the bargaining team—several of whose members were present—and the union's chief negotiator for this historic first contract, Deborah Bell. Bell and the bargaining team responded to questions and comments.

**Motion to recommend the proposed RF/CUNY field unit contracts to the RF members for ratification was accepted unanimously.** (Motion: I. DeLutro; second: J. Cloverdale).

### B. Final Mobilization Plan for May 5

President Bowen reported that this was a busy time for the PSC as it was the convergence of three fronts, the City budget, the State budget, collective bargaining and various CUNY policy changes and that these were not unrelated to the shrinkage of resources for public higher education and the period of so-called austerity, both of which we must challenge. The following activities are planned in the coming weeks:

May 1:	May Day Rally for Immigrant and Worker Rights
May 5:	PSC Rally & March—City Hall & BMCC
May 9 and 10:	Lobbying in Albany
May 11:	CUNY at the Council
May 12:	March and Rally against proposed City budget cuts

Rob Murray, Director of Organizing, asked delegates to volunteer to serve as Marshals on May 5 and to do phone-banking for the event.

- Delegate Sigmund Shen previewed his presentation for May 5 for delegates.

## III. Administrative Action Items

A. Treasurer's Report – Mike Fabricant

Summary of Financial Report for February 2011

Income: \$1,130,000                      Expenses: \$986,000                      Surplus: \$144,000

Year-to-date (4 months):

Income: \$7,740,000                      Expenses: \$7,344,000                      Surplus: \$396,000

At the mid-point of the fiscal year, the PSC budget shows a positive variance of over \$700,000. Expenses have been less than projected, largely because of continuing vacant positions. On the income side we are \$62,000 ahead of projections. Because of the ERI, 3% of PSC-represented full-timers retired, so PSC will begin to see a decrease in dues income in April. Negotiations with NYSUT have resulted in a fiscal benefit to the PSC. This month's surplus will change next month when we pay back-due per capita payments to NYSUT and the expenses of the State budget campaign.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was approved.** (Motion: A. Pearlman; second: S. Leberstein)

B. Executive Director's Report – Deborah Bell

- Thanked the PSC staff for working hard to support the political work of the PSC.
- Elections Committee Report:

--At QCC, Lisa Mertz was elected Delegate and Susan Hock elected Alternate Delegate.

--The Spring 2011 election ballots are being counted tomorrow. The Elections Committee will meet on May 12, 2011 to certify the results. According to the PSC Constitution new officers commence service 10 days after the election is certified, so newly elected delegates and alternates will begin serving at the next D.A. on May 26, 2011.

**Motion to accept the Elections Committee Report was approved** (Motion: G. Brandon; second: D. Kotelchuck)

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IV. Reports and Action Items

A. CUNY Budget – Steve London

- Reported on plans for CUNY at the Council and on NYSUT's planned vigil in Albany on May 9. He reported that the state budget was passed, but that we will develop a plan for continued campaigning, especially for tax fairness. PSC and other groups are still pushing for a supplemental budget and to continue the Millionaire's Tax. On the city side, PSC is pushing against the Mayor's proposed budget cuts; the Executive Budget is scheduled to be released on May 5.

B. Union Action – May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer Mike Fabricant discussed the significance of the city-wide demonstration on May 12, its creativity and ambitiousness, and urged PSC members to participate. He also reported on the large number of PSC members who had already volunteered to lead teach-ins on Wall Street.

- Meetings and other activities on campuses will lead up to the CUNY-wide PSC action on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business – Resolution of Support for West Coast Longshore Workers' Union was forwarded to the EC for consideration.

**VII. Motion to adjourn was approved.**