

**Special Delegate Assembly—Minutes  
May 11, 2020**

**Present:**

BATSON	EC	EDWARDS	BCC	BALLERINI	HEO	PITTMAN	JJ	CHENG	NYCT
BOWEN	EC	FARADJ	BCC	BOSKET	HEO	SWENSON	JJ	LOGUERCIO	NYCT
COHEN	EC	GUISHARD	BCC	BROWN	HEO	CALLY	KCC	MACDONALD	NYCT
DAVIS	EC	KOLOZI	BCC	BROWN	HEO	CUCCIA	KCC	RUDDEN	NYCT
DELUTRO	EC	BARNETT	C	CHITTY	HEO	HERNANDEZ	KCC	SHEPARD	NYCT
DIEUDONNE	EC	DAVIS	C	DEMPSTER	HEO	ROSSON	KCC	STANDING	NYCT
DIRAIMO	EC	STEMBERG	C	GALLAGHER	HEO	YARMISH	KCC	VEY	NYCT
ELLIOTT	EC	ABDALI	CLT	GALLOWAY-PERRY	HEO	ALEXANDER	L	BUCHSBAUM	Q
ELLIOTT-NEGRI	EC	BATIZ	CLT	JAGIELNICKA	HEO	AUSLANDER	L	FREEMAN	Q
FABRICANT	EC	HERTZBERG	CLT	JENNINGS	HEO	FARRELL	L	GERWIN	Q
FEELEY	EC	JUE	CLT	LEE	HEO	MOLLA-DA-SILVA	L	GUSKIN	Q
GREENBAUM	EC	ARENAS	CSI	LUNA	HEO	PHILLIPS	L	MUKHERJEE	Q
HATCHETT	EC	GARVEY	CSI	MCINTYRE	HEO	WANGERIN	L	HALL	QCC
LEBERSTEIN	EC	LAWRENCE	CSI	NORMAN	HEO	CONNERS	LGCC	ROSENTHAL	QCC
LEWIS	EC	SILVERBERG	CSI	OKROSY	HEO	EGGER-SIDER	LGCC	CERMELE	RET
LONDON	EC	TOURNAKI	CSI	O'SHEA	HEO	VAN SLYCK	LGCC	DISALVO	RET
MAJUMDAR	EC	BAINES	GCC	PATESTAS	HEO	YOUENS	LGCC	FRIEDHEIM	RET
MELTZER	EC	CULLY	GS	PEREZ	HEO	DONOSO MACAYA	MCC	FRIEDMAN	RET
PERSINGER	EC	FOUNTAIN	GS	PEREZ-CABEZAS	HEO	GAMBS	MCC	GOLDBERG	RET
SMITH	EC	HARAKAWA	GS	SANTIAGO	HEO	GRONOWICZ	MCC	KISSACK	RET
SPEAR	EC	KAGAN	GS	SHAHIDI	HEO	HOFF	MCC	KOTELCHUCK	RET
TYNER-MULLINGS	EC	MILKMAN	GS	STEWART	HEO	HUTCHISON	MCC	MCCALL	RET
UTAKIS	EC	SHIRAZI	GS	WAYLER	HEO	ISSERLES	MCC	MORAN	RET
VASQUEZ	EC	SQUILLACOTE	GS	ZECHOWSKI	HEO	NAVARATNE	MCC	NELSON	RET
DIEHL	B	SWEATTE	GS	BELCHER	JJ	OFFENHOLLEY	MCC	NEWFIELD	RET
EBERT	B	TURNER	GS	CLARKE	JJ	ROBERTS	MCC	CHAUNG	RF
ESTEY	B	AGATHOCLEOUS	H	DISU	JJ	SMART	MCC	ROTHSTEIN	RFFU
HASHMI	B	GABOURY	H	EPSTEIN	JJ	WAYCHOFF	MCC	HANSEN	Y
MANLOW	B	GOLD	H	HOVEY	JJ	CRAWFORD	MEC	SALEK ASEFF	Y
CIOFFI	BAR	COLON	HCC	KANG	JJ	JOSEPH	MEC	SHEARIN PATTERSON	Y
DAVIS	BAR	ROVER	HCC	MAMELI	JJ	BERRY	MEOC	SHEIDLOWER	Y
DIGIROLAMO	BAR	STEINBERG	HCC	MARKOWITZ	JJ	CAMERON	MEOC	WEISBLATT	Y
PETERSEN	BAR	WOLF	HCC	MOONEY	JJ	ALMEIDA	NYCT		
CANTAVE	BCC	ANDREWS	HEO	NARKUNAS	JJ	BEHRENT	NYCT		

**Guests:**

Amy Adamczyk (JJ), Chris Agee (MMC), Rodney Alvarado (QCC),, Maria Alvarez (MCC), Mina Ayoub (HCC), Michael Balter (CCNY), Robert Balun (CCNY), Luis Barajas Saldana (JJ), Rosemary Barberet (JJ), Carol Barclay (MCC), Marleen Barr (MCC), Christina Barrera, Veronique Bernard (H), Michael Berube (H), Rebecca Boger (B),

**Guests (cont'd):**

Jacquelyn Bracco (Q), Trisha Brady (MCC), Alexander Caring-Lobel (GS), Claudia Calirman (JJ), Thea Callender (MCC), Stephanie Carberry (MCC), Julie Cassidy (MCC), Kelsey Chatlosh (B), Stuart Chen-Hayes (L), Coline Chevrin (GS), Rachel Corey (GS), Jatnna De La Cruz, Maria De Vasconcelos (MCC), Page Delano, (MCC), Angela Dunne (GCC), Elise Engler (CCNY), Leah Entenmann (BCC), Maria Fernanadez, (Zeke Finkelstein, Taryn Fivek (JJ), Christina Freeman (H), Rob Freeman (JJ), Gary Friedman (NYCT), Libby Garland (KCC), Majorie Garrido (BCC), Kate Griffiths (B), Mariapoala Gritti (B), Josh Grumet (H), Martha Hagood (NYCT), Jamila Hammami (GS), Elena Heimur (GS), Elena Heimur (CSI), Noemie Jennifer, Marilyn Jespersen (QCC), Steven John (H), Boyda Johnstone (MCC), Aaron Jones (HCC), Sharon Kahn (MCC), Farnaz Kaighobadi (BCC), Stuart Kaufer (H), Laura King (H), Susan Kline (H), Laura King (H), Susan Kline (H), William Kornblum (RET), Genevieve LaForge (JJ), Carol Lang (BCC), Katheryn Larkins (GCC), Janet Lobel (JJ), Margaret Mackenzie (MCC), Marianne Madore (GS), Angel Martinez (BCC), Gerry Martini (GS), Rob McAlear (QCC), Sissel McCarthy (H), Thomas McGonigle, Devin ,Molina (BCC), Corinna Mullin (JJ), Cara Murray (QCC), Kimberly Nam, Christopher Natoli (GS), Nicodemus Nicoludis (MCC), Chastity Paterline (B), Samuel Paul (MEOC), Enrique Pena , Jesus Perez (B), Maria Plochocki (BAR), Michelle Radtke (B), Rhea Rahman (B), Conor Tomas Reed (B), Carol Rial (H), Gustavo Rivera (MCC), Nicholas Rodrigo (GS), Cary Sanchez , Andrea Selonick (GS), Ian Singleton (BAR), Chloe Smolarski (NYCT), Filip Stabrowski (LGCC), Liza Steele (JJ), Jessie Stein, Shauna Steinbach, Reiko Tahara (H), Emelyn Tapaoan (NYCT), Juliet Tarantino (JJ), Flonia Telegrafi (JJ), Peter Thomson (BCC), Max Thron, Pamela Topper (H), Patricia Tovar (H), Saul Troen (H), Erin Ward (GS), Tom Watters (B), Lawrence Williams (MEOC), Alex Wolf (BCC), Olivia Wood (GS), Hakan Yilmaz (JJ)

**Staff:**

Ahmad, Shomial	Cheng, Ida	Guzman, Jorge	Paul, Ari	Young, Patricia
Alladin, Faye	Clark, Francis	Kwon, Janet	Paul, Eric	Zauderer, Naom
Bell, Debbie	Damiani, Bettina	Lashley, Kim	Powell, Emma	Zwiebach, Pete
Brill, Deirdre	Gabriel, Barbara	Lewis, Sam	Rasiotis, Sam	
Brown, Tiffany	Graf, Brian	Moore, Faye	Rosato, Diana	

NOTE: The DA meeting was conducted remotely, via webinar.  
Reminder that only delegates and designated alternates can vote.

**I. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION: To accept amended agenda, including four resolutions,** (Motion: V. DiGirolamo; seconded) **APPROVED.**

**II. Presentation of Emergency Budget Campaign and Discussion – B. Bowen**

Delegates were emailed copies of the proposed campaign plan, including tactics and actions in May and a preliminary calendar. While the DA does not normally consider resolutions on union tactics, those proposed bear relationship to elements of the campaign plan, therefore:

**1) MOTION to approve the following resolution** (Motion: R. Wangerin; seconded) **APPROVED.**

Whereas the CUNY financial crisis demands an all-out effort,  
Therefore, resolved that the president of the union will write a letter to all department chairs, to go out Tuesday, May 12, urging them to take a stand in support of a fully-funded CUNY by not cooperating with dismissal of members of their department, most notably adjunct faculty. The letter will affirm that department chairs and academic faculty have the primary authority over instruction and that orders to change their course offerings and dismiss their faculty are a usurpation of that authority. The president will advise department chairs to say that they need to consult with the union, including the union's legal counsel, before they can respond to such directives. 85% Yes 5% No

**2) MOTION to approve the following resolution** (Motion: M. Kagan; seconded) **FAILED.**

Whereas the CUNY financial crisis demands an all-out effort,  
Therefore, resolved,  
a. The PSC will immediately ask all faculty to withhold submission of grades until such a time (if any) that best demonstrates the power of our union to disrupt the normal operations of the university.  
b. All faculty should be asked to notify their students that this action is in support of a fully-funded CUNY. 43% Yes 46% No (a review of eligible voters following the meeting resulted in: 36% Yes 52% No 12% Abstain)

**3) MOTION to approve the following** (Motion: L. Turner; seconded):

Whereas the CUNY financial crisis demands an all-out effort,  
Therefore, resolved, that for May 18, the first business day after the May 15th adjunct reappointment deadline, the union will organize a Day of Solidarity and Non-Cooperation in support of a fully-funded CUNY, including:  
a. 1. A Solidarity caravan between the residences (or offices) of the Governor and the Chancellor, with stops at select billionaire residences **APPROVED** 72% Yes 16% No 57 delegates said they will participate  
2. and a Solidarity caravan in Albany in conjunction with SUNY unions--not voted on  
b. Virtual town halls on at least two campuses on 5/18--consultation with chapter chairs needed before a vote can be taken  
c. Specific solidarity statements of non-cooperation with job cuts--cannot vote without clarity on "non-cooperation" A challenge to the ruling of the Chair failed.

**4) MOTION to approve the following resolution** (Motion: S. Utakis; seconded) **APPROVED.**

Whereas the CUNY financial crisis demands an all-out effort:  
Therefore, resolved that the Delegate Assembly urge the PSC Executive Council to spend up to \$1 million from reserves on a public-facing media campaign for full funding for CUNY. 88% Yes 6% No

The chair noted that the union leadership and staff will reach out to members about participation in upcoming actions during May and that, because of the lateness of the hour, the delegates are unable to discuss the 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda item, the campaign to support impact bargaining.

**III. Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn.** (Motion: I. DeLutro; Seconded) **APPROVED.**