

PSC Delegates Assembly, October 20, 2022
Draft Minutes

Present:

Bosket	EC	Mano	C	Chitty	HEO	Conners	LGCC	Vazquez
Davis	EC	Rumschitzki	C	Dempster	HEO	Creaco	MCC	Salek Aseff
Delutro	EC	Veesser	C	Doney	HEO	Grant	MCC	
Elliott-Negri	EC	McIntyre	CCO	Gallagher	HEO	Gronowicz	MCC	
Gaboury	EC	Abdali	CLT	Galloway-Perry	HEO	Hutchison	MCC	
Jeu	EC	Girgis	CLT	Jagielnicka	HEO	James	MCC	
Kang	EC	Gruber	CLT	Johnson	HEO	Johnstone	MCC	
Kurtz	EC	Batiz	CLT	La Mar	HEO	Navaratne	MCC	
Lewis	EC	Bardsley	CSI	Lee	HEO	Offenholley	MCC	
Lilly	EC	Cope	CSI	Llamas	HEO	Roberts	MCC	
Martinez	EC	Hagedorn	CSI	Martini	HEO	Smallwood	MCC	
Meltzer	EC	Tyner	GCC	Minor	HEO	Smart	MCC	
Persinger	EC	Aptekar	GS	Moon	HEO	Walker	MCC	
Romer	EC	Bianchino	GS	Morrison	HEO	Cameron	MEO	
Schnee	EC	Borrell	GS	Parker	HEO	Albany	NYCT	
Seo	EC	Devlin	GS	Patestas	HEO	Almeida	NYCT	
Stemberg	EC	Fountain	GS	Rodriguez	HEO	Behrent	NYCT	
Turner	EC	Grassman	GS	Rosario	HEO	Birchett	NYCT	
Utakis	EC	Hu	GS	Silverman	HEO	Cheng	NYCT	
Vasquez	EC	Kagan	GS	Teran	HEO	Cuordileone	NYCT	
Wharton	EC	Merriwether	GS	Wayler	HEO	Harris	NYCT	
Winter	EC	Shacter-Dechabert	GS	Epstein	JJ	Loguercio	NYCT	
Bank Munoz	B	Shirazi	GS	Hovey	JJ	McMillen	NYCT	
Hashmi	B	Van Der Naald	GS	Majumdar	JJ	Ngana-Mundeke	NYCT	
Juhasz	B	Wood	GS	Pittman	JJ	Foasberg	Q	
Lauterbach	B	Agathoceleus	H	Sexton	JJ	George	Q	
Manlow	B	Cusick	H	Vance	JJ	Guskin	Q	
Wills	B	Devany	H	Cally	KCC	Shalkowski	Q	
Davis	BAR	Dudek	H	Cuccia	KCC	Bordoni	QCC	
Gareis	BAR	John	H	Repetti	KCC	Pecorino	QCC	
Petersen	BAR	Kenigsberg	H	Rosson	KCC	Stark	QCC	
Wine	BAR	Squillacote	H	Spear	KCC	Chaung	RF	
Banks	BCC	Stone	H	Alexander-Street	L	Cermele	RT	
Edwards	BCC	Tanya	H	Chen-Hayes	L	DiSalvo	RT	
Guishard	BCC	Walker Kilkenny	H	Farrell	L	Friedheim	RT	
Kolozi	BCC	Bernardini	HCC	Manier	L	Friedman	RT	
Young	BCC	Pimentel	HCC	Wangerin	L	Kissack	RT	
Balun	C	Andrews	HEO	Karras	LGCC	Moran	RT	
Diraimo	C	Ballerini	HEO	Beaty	LGCC	Nelson	RT	
Huang	C	Brown	HEO	Cleary	LGCC	Newfield	RT	

Guest:

	Buchsbaum	
Jonathan	m	QC
Joelle	Glass	
Jeannette	Graulau	
Carol	Lang	BCC
Peter	Ranis	RT
Richard	Rosenblatt	Parliamentarian
Sam	Sue	
Alex	Wolf	BCC

Staff:

Tiffany	Brown
Ida	Cheng
Fran	Clark
Bettina	Damiani
Thandi	Farley
Brian	Graf
	Hubbar
Dean	d
Kim	Lashley
Sam	Lewis
Faye	Moore
Carol	Rial
Anais	Surkin

.Approvals

Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda (Motion: L.Borrell; seconded) **APPROVED.**

Minutes for September 15, 2022

MOTION: To approve the minutes (Motion: J. Batiz; seconded) **APPROVED.**

II. President's Report and Discussion (including written) - J. Davis

Increase in travel funds

CUNY and PSC reached an agreement on disbursing the \$1.4 million in contractual travel funds that the university did not allocate to the colleges during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-21. The money will be disbursed to colleges over the next two academic years. In the current contract, annual travel funds doubled from \$981,618 to \$1,863,236. In the next two academic years, members of the PSC bargaining unit will have access to the usual annual amount as well as the money not previously used. This money can also be used for online conference registration costs.

Report back on Membership campaign

As part of the union's membership campaign, Delegates shared their experiences and strategies in having one-on-one conversations. The outreach yielded at least 156 new members since September 1 (our records await CUNY payroll information). The membership campaign will become increasingly

critical as PSC heads into the budget seasons and contract campaign. J. Davis emphasized the need to speak with members about VOTE-COPE, the political action fund that helps us to support progressive candidates. The PSC needs allies in political office who share the union's concern for public higher education.

Mass Meeting October 26th/Union week/Campus Action Teams

One thousand members have RSVP'd for the Mass Meeting on Winning a Just Contract on October 26, when the union will kick off the contract campaign. Following the mass meeting, the first week of December will be Union Week, when a series of local actions will be held. Chapter chairs are in discussion with their executive committees and Campus Action Teams (CATs) about engaging members around issues elevated by the Contract Priorities Survey responses. CATs convene centrally through monthly university-wide meetings of representatives from each CAT. The next central CAT meeting is tomorrow, Fri Oct 21, at 12 noon.

CUNY Board of Trustees Public Hearing

PSC officers and members testified at CUNY's first in-person hearing since the pandemic on issues important to our contract and budget campaigns. A number of Hunter Brookdale Campus students and faculty also participated to express concerns about the announcement from the Governor and Mayor of the new health sciences hub.

Alternating meetings in person and remote for the rest of the academic year

Recommendation: that the DA convene in person in alternate months. Safety protocols: Proof of vaccination required for entry, mask required throughout the meeting, no food in the meeting hall. Reevaluate if COVID rates spike.

Nominations to replace Vice President for Part Time personnel

The PSC follows the Election Rules approved by the DA. As announced, nominations will be taken from the floor of the meeting. All delegates or their alternates are eligible to vote. If there is more than one eligible candidate and all candidates consent, an election will be conducted electronically by secret ballot administered by PSC staff.

Eileen Moran nominated P. Stenberg
Angel Martinez nominated Lynne Turner

Both candidates accepted the nomination and agreed that PSC staff would run the election at the DA meeting.

After a secret ballot administered electronically, the election results were tied. A runoff election via mail ballot will be conducted by AAA, pursuant to the PSC constitution.

Break

III. Legislative Report - L. Elliott - Negri

Federal Level: The PSC is working on turning members out to vote in three congressional district races in NY - 3, 4 and 11. L. Elliott- Negri asked Delegates to sign up to get involved in general election work at the federal level. It is important for public higher education support to hold the Democratic majority in the House.

State Level: The PSC is working on completing our budget demands and preparing for engagement with the executive branch in Albany. L. Elliott-Negri urged Delegates to vote for Kathy Hochul on the

Working Families Party line. The Working Families Party line needs a minimum number of votes cast for their endorsed candidates to maintain ballot status.

City Level: City agencies, including CUNY, are facing a proposal from the Executive branch of the city to cut 3% in the middle of the fiscal year. CUNY management had to submit plans to the executive branch. The PSC opposes; it is not possible to move this without approval of the City Council.

Medicare Advantage: The Mayor, with the support of the MLC, is trying to change the administrative code on the health insurance floor for city workers, retirees, and dependents. PSC members and staff have been organizing and encouraging Council Members not to reduce CUNY's budget mid-year or change the health insurance floor for city workers. Every member of City Council is up for reelection in 2023.

Coalition report: Andrea Vásquez announced that PSC has received a \$50,000 grant from AFT's Powerful Partnership Institute to organize PSC members to support the work of the CUNY Rising Alliance. Geoff Kurtz and Susan Kang are the project coordinators and are working to build out CUNY Rising Alliance (CRA) activity at the campus level. Their first charge is to identify CRA liaisons on campuses and increase the level of collaboration between PSC members, and student and community organizations. G. Kurtz and S. Kang have been working with Chapter Chairs to identify liaisons.

IV. Administrative Reports

Financial Report - F. Wharton

July and August Finances

Financial Report - F. Wharton

Monthly Financial Report - July

Total Operating Income	\$ 1,736,000
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,287,000
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 449,000

As of July 31, 2022, the financial statement shows an eleven-month surplus of \$58,000 when year-to-date expenditures are compared with year-to-date income. PSC spent \$18,647,000 and received \$18,705,000 over the eleven-month period.

MOTION: To accept the July 2022 Treasurer's Report (Motion: P. Lewis; seconded)
APPROVED.

Monthly Financial Report - August

Total Operating Income	\$1,382,000
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,527,000
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (145,000)

As of August 31, 2022, the financial statement shows a twelve-month deficit of \$87,000 when year-to-date expenditures are compared with year-to-date income. PSC spent \$20,174,000 and received \$20,087,000 over the twelve-month period.

MOTION: To accept the August 2022 Treasurer's Report (Motion: J. Batiz; seconded)
APPROVED.

F. Wharton reported on the proposed budget for 2022-2023 and delegates discussed the proposed budget extensively.

MOTION: To double chapter budgets by taking from consultation line: (Motion: S. Chen-Hayes, seconded). FAILED.

MOTION: To approve the proposed budget 2022-2023 (Motion: H. Meltzer, seconded.) APPROVED.

V. New Business

Resolution—introduced for November meeting:

Resolution in support of UTIER labor union and against neoliberal privatization in Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona (International Committee)

Anti-Bullying Committee report- Postponed until November meeting

J. Davis announced that he will be asking the EC to continue allowing R. Squillacote. to attend the Executive Council meetings as a guest until a new VP of Part-Time Personnel is elected..

VI. Adjourned at 9:26pm