

PSC Delegate Assembly, February 16, 2023
6:30-9:00
Draft Minutes

Present:

Batson	EC	Balun	C	Walker Kilkenny	H	Auslander	L	Weingarten	Q
Bosket	EC	Barnett	C	Squillacote	H	Campbell	L	Bordoni	QCC
Davis	EC	Cappetti	C	Stone	H	Chen-Hayes	L	DiSalvo	RT
Elliott-Negri	EC	Diraimo	C	Bernardini	HCC	Farrell	L	Friedheim	RT
Gaboury	EC	Huang	C	Pimentel	HCC	Manier	L	Kissack	RT
Hatchett	EC	McIntyre	O	Adams	HEO	Wangerin	L	McCall	RT
Jeu	EC	Abdali	CSI	Ballerini	HEO	Beaty	LGCC	Menna	RT
Kang	EC	Bardsley	CSI	Bink	HEO	Cleary	LGCC	Moran	RT
Kurtz	EC	Batiz	CSI	Brown	HEO	Connors	LGCC	Nelson	RT
Lewis	EC	Bishop	CSI	Chitty	HEO	Durand	LGCC	Newfield	RT
Lilly	EC	Cope	CSI	Dempster	HEO	Karras	LGCC	Vasquez	RT
Martinez	EC	Elhakem	CSI	Doney	HEO	Miller	LGCC	Pritchard	Y
Meltzer	EC	Girgis	CSI	Gallagher	HEO	Creaco	MCC	Salek Aseff	Y
Persinger	EC	Gruber	CSI	Galloway-Perry	HEO	Grant	MCC		
Romer	EC	Hagedorn	CSI	La Mar	HEO	Gronowicz	MCC		
Schnee	EC	Lawrence	CSI	Lee	HEO	Hutchison	MCC		
Seo	EC	Powers Silverberg	CSI	Llamas	HEO	Johnstone	MCC		
Stemberg	EC	Tournaki	CSI	Martini	HEO	Navaratne	MCC		
Turner	EC	Tyner	C	Morrison	HEO	Offenholley	MCC		
Utakis	EC	Aptekar	GS	Norman	HEO	Roberts	MCC		
Vasquez	EC	Bianchino	GS	Parker	HEO	Smallwood	MCC		
Wharton	EC	Borrell	GS	Patestas	HEO	Smart	MCC		
Winter	EC	Fountain	GS	Perez	HEO	Walker	MCC		
Bank Munoz	B	Goldberg	GS	Rodriguez	HEO	Lashley	MEC		
Hashmi	B	Grassman	GS	Santiago	HEO	Stephens	MEC		
Juhasz	B	Hu	GS	Silverman	HEO	Cameron	C		
Lauterback	B	Kagan	GS	Wayler	HEO	Albany	NYCT		
Manlow	B	McCall	GS	Balis	JJ	Behrent	NYCT		
Cioffi	BAR	Merriwether	GS	Epstein	JJ	Birchett	NYCT		
Davis	BAR	Rothman	GS	Hovey	JJ	Cheng	NYCT		
Gareis	BAR	Shacter-Dechabert	GS	LaForge	JJ	Cuordileone	NYCT		
Hernandez	BAR	Shirazi	GS	Markowitz	JJ	Harris	NYCT		
Stuart	BAR	Van Der Naald	GS	Pittman	JJ	MacDonald	NYCT		
Wine	BAR	Wood	GS	Swenson	JJ	Foasberg	Q		
Banks	BCC	Cusack	H	Vance	JJ	George	Q		
Edwards	BCC	Glick	H	Cuccia	KCC	Gerwin	Q		
Guishard	BCC	Gold	H	Rosson	KCC	Guskin	Q		

Kolozi	BCC	Kenigsberg	H	Spear	KCC	Shalkowski	Q
Dunson	BEOC	Moore	H	Alexander-Street	L	Thorn	Q

Guest:

Takiya	Ali	L
	Buchsbaum	
Jonathan	m	RT
Holly	Clarke	JJ
Nathan	Newman	JJ
Nic	Nicoludis	MCC
Richard	Rosenblatt	Parliamentarian
Jacqueline	Wertzer	
Alex	Wolf	BCC

Staff:

Shomial	Ahmad
Marwa	Atef Mohamed Amer
Ida	Cheng
Bettina	Damiani
Rico	Doan
Ava	Farkas
Brian	Graf
Jorge	Guzman
Dean	Hubbard
Kim	Lashley
Faye	Moore
Denise	Poche-Jetter
Emma	Powell
Sam	Rasiotis
Samantha	Sherry
Anais	Surkin
Pete	Zwiebach

.Approvals

A. Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda (Motion: M. Batson; seconded) **APPROVED.**

B. Minutes for January 19, 2023 and special DA February 2, 2023 meetings

MOTION: To approve the January 19, 2023 DA minutes (Motion: J.Batiz; seconded) **APPROVED.**

MOTION: To approve the February 2, 2023 DA minutes (Motion: H.Meltzer; seconded) **APPROVED.**

II. President's report and discussion (including written) - J. Davis

A. Contract campaign

The union has been organizing the first contract rally at CUNY Central on Monday, February 27, the day before the expiration of the 2017-2023 contract.

The contract action will express PSC's collective strength to management as we head into contract negotiations.

The union has launched a member petition, telling CUNY to come to the table to negotiate. The petition has nearly 1,800 signatures. The PSC leadership has requested that CUNY begin scheduling bargaining sessions but have not yet landed on a date.

B. NYS/NYC Budget campaigns

The PSC sent two 8-member teams on lobby visits in Albany on February 9. President Davis urged DA members to participate in lobbying on Tuesday, March 9, at a rally inside the Capitol.

PSC members are engaging CUNY students with a more formalized mechanism in the Powerful Partnerships grant program. Our coalition partners in the CUNY Rising Alliance are vocal allies advocating for the CUNY community. The prime sponsors of the New Deal for CUNY, Senator Gounardes and Assemblymember Reyes, are forceful and persistent; they've helped us to organize more than 70 legislators to support the bill. Our state affiliate NYSUT has launched a campaign for a New Deal for Higher Education, calling for \$4.7 billion in new investments in SUNY and CUNY.

The PSC is filming a video ad about the budget and the New Deal for CUNY that will air in subsequent weeks in Albany and on social media, featuring Hunter College student Riya Patel, BMCC student Abigail Essiful-Stiles, and Medgar Evers College professor (and grievance counselor) Victoria Chevalier.

C. CUNY Savings Plan

Every college was directed to submit a plan within one month to achieve 5-6% savings in FY24. The university-wide target is \$100 million, in addition to the \$75 million that he reported the colleges having cut in FY23. The union must organize against these cuts and continue to organize to improve the state and city budgets for CUNY.

D. NYC retiree health insurance

Mayor Adams has threatened to unilaterally move all municipal retirees currently enrolled in traditional Medicare/Senior Care into Medicare Advantage but he has not done so yet. The City Council refused his request to change the NYC Administrative Code to allow the city to begin charging premiums on those who would opt to remain in Medicare/Senior Care.

Two issues remain:

- Nothing in the Administrative Code as it's been interpreted by the courts says that Senior Care must be preserved and the Mayor could try to eliminate Senior Care.
- The city has taken the position that wages won't be bargained until savings are achieved on health care. This might pose a risk to the economic package offered to the municipal unions.

E. Membership report and campaign plan - A. Vázquez

A. Vázquez reported on membership numbers for the union. The union's membership campaign is underway. Chapter Chairs have received lists of Non-members. New members will receive welcome packets.

F. Nominations for Vacant EC Positions:

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.

Part Time Personnel Officer - Ruth Wangerin nominated Marc Kagen (nomination accepted)
Young Min Seo nominated Claudia Shacter-deChabert (nomination accepted)

Cross Campus Officer - Janet Winter nominated Lucy McIntyre (nomination accepted)
ELECTED at the meeting via an online vote conducted by PSC staff

MOTION: To move nominating speeches to March DA meeting (Motion: J. Kenigsberg; seconded) **APPROVED.**

Break

III. Financial Report - F. Wharton

A. December Report

December 2022 Financial Statement
Total Operating Income: \$ 1,783,000
Total Operating Expenses: \$ 2,005,000
Surplus (Deficit): \$ (222,000)

Year-to-date (4 months):

As of December 31, 2022, the financial statement shows a four-month surplus of \$50,000 when year-to-date expenditures are compared with year-to-date income. PSC spent \$6,610,000 and \$6,660,000 was received over the four-month period.

MOTION: To accept the December 2022 Treasurer's Report (Motion: H. Meltzer; seconded) **APPROVED.**

B. Executive Directors Report - D. Hubbard

Elections committee report:

A. Individual Chapters

HEO Chapter: On February 11, Anthony Andrews resigned as a HEO chapter delegate. The vacancy was recognized by the elections committee on 2/14.

Hostos: Lizette Colon retired and resigned as Hostos chapter delegate on February 9. The vacancy was recognized by the elections committee on 2/14. (Note: Hostos has no remaining alternate delegates to fill the vacancy, and the vacancy occurred after the deadline in the election rules to vote in a new alternate for the remainder of the term.)

Baruch: At the last chapter meeting of the fall, Maria Plochocki and Karanja Keita Carroll ran unopposed and won the two vacant alternate delegates spots. They were recognized by the elections committee on 2/14.

MOTION: To accept the Elections Committee report (Motion: M. Spear; seconded)
APPROVED.

IV. New Business

Move the Money project - M. Newfield
Belle Zeller Scholarship Fund - S. DiRamo

V. Unfinished Business

MOTION:

- **To meet in person for the Delegate Assembly meetings in March, May and June 2023**
- **Enforce mask-wearing and prohibit eating in the meeting space**
- **Require proof of vaccination to enter the meeting space**
- **Provide delegates with ventilation reports of the meeting space**
- **Provide accommodation - remote attendance option - for delegates whose disability or immunocompromised condition prevents participation in person** (Motion: P. Lewis; seconded)

AMENDMENT: To change the fourth bullet point to read “Provide accommodation, remote attendance option, for any PSC member who says they require it”
(Motion: G. Martini; seconded)

MOTION: To postpone the vote to the March meeting (Motion: D. Price-Banks) **FAILS.**

AMENDMENT: To change the final bullet point to read “Provide accommodation, remote attendance option, for any PSC member who says they require it”
(Motion: G. Martini; seconded) **APPROVED.**

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AMENDMENT: To remove point 3 “require proof of vaccination to enter the meeting space” (Motion: D. Price-Banks; seconded) **FAILS.**

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VI. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn (Motion: C.McCall; seconded) APPROVED