Resolution on Virtual Delegate Assembly Meetings

Whereas, Article 8, Section 7 of the Professional Staff Congress (PSC) of the City University of New York Constitution states: "Unless otherwise provided in this Constitution, or by established bylaws, the rules and procedures of the Delegate Assembly shall follow the practices described in the latest revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order."

Whereas, Section 9.31 of Robert's Rules of Order, 12th Edition states: "an electronic meeting that is properly authorized in the bylaws is treated as though it were a meeting at which all the members who are participating are actually present."

Whereas, the PSC Constitution has no such bylaw authorizing electronic meetings, and therefore must authorize any electronic Delegate Assembly meetings through a policy resolution of the DA.

Therefore, be it:

Resolved, that regularly scheduled meetings of the PSC Delegate Assembly may be held by means of electronic video participation in the following circumstances:

a. If the DA votes to hold subsequent meetings by means of electronic video participation; or
b. If the PSC President, in consultation with the Executive Council, decides that the interests of the Union are best served by holding a regularly scheduled meeting by means of electronic video participation.

Resolved, that a special meeting of the DA may be held by means of electronic video participation if the PSC President, in consultation with the Executive Council, decides that the interests of the Union are best served by holding the special meeting by means of electronic video participation.

Resolved, that notice to all delegates and alternates of a meeting of the Delegate Assembly to be held by means of electronic video participation shall be sent by email no later than 14 days prior to the date of the meeting, or as close to 14 days as possible.

Submitted by the PSC Principal Officers