

PSC Delegate Assembly

September 21, 2023

Draft Minutes

Present:

Batson	EC	Gruber	CLT	Hovey	JJ	Nelson	R T R
Bosket	EC	Gruber	CLT	Pittman	JJ	Newfield	T
Davis	EC	Bardsley	CSI	Cally	KCC	Hansen	Y
Elliott-Negri	EC	Bishop	CSI	Hernandez	KCC	Jackson	Y
Gaboury	EC	Lavender	CSI	Spear	KCC	Pritchard	Y
Jeu	EC	Baines	GCC	Lizardi	L		
Kang	EC	Aptekar	GS	Manier	L		
Kurtz	EC	Bianchino	GS	Beaty	LGCC		
Lewis	EC	Devlin	GS	Cleary	LGCC		
Lilly	EC	Hu	GS	Conners	LGCC		
McIntyre	EC	Kane	GS	Durand	LGCC		
Meltzer	EC	Merriwether	GS	Miller	LGCC		
Persinger	EC	Orejuela Soria	GS	Butler-Haughton	MCC		
Romer	EC	Rothman	GS	Gronowicz	MCC		
Schnee	EC	Sellie	GS	Hutchison	MCC		
Seo	EC	Cusick	H	James	MCC		
Stemberg	EC	Dudek	H	Johnstone	MCC		
Turner	EC	Bencivenni	HCC	Offenholley	MCC		
Utakis	EC	Bernardini	HCC	Roberts	MCC		
Vasquez	EC	Casey	HCC	Smart	MCC		
Wharton	EC	Pimentel	HCC	Lashley	ME		
Winter	EC	Ballerini	HEO	Sanchez	ME		
Albarillo	B	Bink	HEO	Stephens	ME		
Bank Muñoz	B	Brown	HEO	Cameron	MEOC		
Entin	B	Dempster	HEO	Cheng	NYCT		
Hashmi	B	Doney	HEO	Cuordileone	NYCT		
Ludovici	B	Gallagher	HEO	Decoux	NYCT		
Manlow	B	Galloway-Perry	HEO	Harris	NYCT		
Davis	BAR	Hegner	HEO	Loguercio	NYCT		
Rice	BAR	La Mar	HEO	Shepard	NYCT		
Wine	BAR	Llamas	HEO	Checker	Q		
Donica	BCC	Martini	HEO	Gerwin	Q		
Kolozi	BCC	Minor	HEO	Schnur	Q		
Lang	BCC	Morrison	HEO	Weingarten	Q		
Cappetti	C	Perez	HEO	Pecorino	QCC		
Forsythe	C	Rodriguez	HEO	Stark	QCC		
Mano	C	Santiago	HEO	McCall	RT		
Batiz	CLT	Sue	HEO	Menna	RT		
Girgis	CLT	Clarke	JJ	Moran	RT		

Guest:

Katy	Hansen	(Parliamentarian)
	Zuckerman	
Robert		
Billy	Coleman	RFNYCT

Staff:

Jason	Alladin
Eve	Cabrera
Ida	Cheng
Bettina	Damiani
Enrico	Doan
Ava	Farkas
Brian	Graf
Natalie	Greico
John	Herrick
Dean	Hubbard
Faye	Moore
Denise	Poché Jetter
Samantha	
Anais	Sherry
	Surkin

I Approvals

A. Agenda

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

B. Minutes

MOTION: To approve the June 15, 2023 and July 13 DA minutes (Motion: E. Schnee; seconded) **APPROVED as amended to include Kevin Adams, Howard Meltzer, and Felipe Pimental in the June 15 attendance.**

MOTION: Limit speakers to two minutes (Motion: N. Romer; seconded) **APPROVED**

II President’s report and discussion (J. Davis)

Bargaining

President Davis updated the body about bargaining, describing the summer sessions and the two starkly different visions represented by the PSC and CUNY management. The seventh and most recent session was described in more detail, with an update coming shortly on the PSC website. The next bargaining dates are Oct 5 - 2:30 -4:30 and Oct 26 2:00-4:30, at CUNY and the next orientation to attend bargaining will be held on Thurs 10/5 6:30-7:30 on zoom.

Membership Update on summer drive (A. Vásquez)

The organizing department, with some participation from members, signed up 120 new members during summer blitzes, many of them in the HEO titles. Since then, 200 additional colleagues have joined, 100 at the Graduate Center.

This might mean that overall membership up about 1% because of these efforts, though a more thorough membership review is underway.

Strategic Action Plan-Borough Groups–Five Boroughs Five Weeks (P. Lewis)

The DA met in groups by borough to discuss plans for actions over the coming weeks.

III Election

Vice President for Cross Campus Units

An election was held for Vice President for Cross Campus Units, conducted by the American Arbitration Association. Larry Bosket and Amy Jeu were the two candidates. Larry Bosket was elected (15-9).

IV Treasurer's Report (F. Wharton)

April 2023 Financials

Summary for one (1) month:

Total Operating Income: \$ 1,764,000

Total Operating Expenses: \$ 1,647,000

Surplus (Deficit): \$ 117,000

Commentary:

Year-to-date (8 months):

As of March 31, 2023, the financial statements show an actual eight-month operating deficit of \$53,000.

For the eight-month period, year-to-date income is \$13,132,000 and year-to-date expenditures are \$13,238,000.

MOTION: To approve April Financials (Motion: H. Meltzer, seconded.)

APPROVED.

May Financials

Summary for one (1) month:

Total Operating Income: \$ 1,674,000

Total Operating Expenses: \$ 1,929,000

Surplus (Deficit): \$ (255,000)

Commentary:

Year-to-date (9 months):

As of May 31, 2023, the financial statements show a nine-month operating deficit of \$308,000. For the nine-month period, year-to-date income is \$14,859,000 and year-to-date

expenditures are \$15,167,000.

MOTION: To approve May financials. (Motion: J. Batiz, seconded.) **APPROVED**

June Financials

Summary for one (1) month:

Total Operating Income: \$ 1,520,000

Total Operating Expenses: \$ 1,559,000

Surplus (Deficit): \$ (39,000)

Commentary:

Year-to-date (10 months):

As of June 30th , 2023, the financial statements show a nine-month operating deficit of \$347,000. For the ten-month period, year-to-date income is \$16,379,000 and year-to-date expenditures are \$16,726,000.

MOTION: To approve June financials. (Motion: M. Batson, seconded).

APPROVED

F. Wharton presented and took preliminary questions regarding the 2023-2024 proposed budget. The budget will be voted on next DA, with an information session held beforehand.

V Legislative update (L. Elliott-Negri)

Legislative Representative appointment

L. Elliott-Negri summarized current City Council swing races, and the PSC's endorsements. J. Davis thanks L. Elliott -Negri for his work as Legislative Representative for the PSC, and communicated the recommendation by the Legislative Committee and Executive Committee to appoint Heather James in the role.

MOTION: To appoint Heather James as Legislative Representative of the PSC. (Motion: Executive Committee). **APPROVED**

VI Executive Director's Report - D. Hubbard

The elections committee met on August 30, 2023 and took the following actions:

CUNY Central Office: recognized the election of Lucy Scalici-McIntyre as chapter chair

BMCC: Recognized the resignation of Shawn Grant as delegate.

HEO: Recognized the resignation of Carlos Parker as delegate.

MOTION: To accept the Elections Committee report. (Motion: Elections Committee). **APPROVED.**

MOTION: To extend the time of the meeting by 20 minutes. (Motion: S. Davis, seconded). **APPROVED**

VII Resolutions

Resolution on Protecting CUNY Students, Staff and Faculty from Repression and Censorship,

Submitted by Jane Guskin (Queens)

MOTION: To postpone discussion of the resolution. (Motion: G. Bianchino, seconded). **FAILED.**

MOTION: RESOLVED that within three business days of the passage of this resolution, the PSC take the following actions:

Endorse the June 1 Open Letter from CUNY Law Faculty calling on the CUNY chancellor and Board of Trustees to withdraw their statement and to apologize to all those harmed by it; and circulate this letter to the full union membership with a call and link to sign on;

Send a message to the CUNY chancellor and Board of Trustees indicating our union's unequivocal condemnation of all forms of repression and censorship of CUNY students, faculty, and staff, including those speaking out for Palestine solidarity, Boycott Divestment and Sanctions, abortion rights, safety from police violence, opposition to structural and systemic racism, etc.; and urging the CUNY administration to adopt the Faculty First Responders guidelines, including that "administrators cease adopting the right-wing media's narrative and instead actively and publicly defend their faculty from these attacks."

Widely distribute a public press release defending academic freedom at CUNY, citing the faculty open letter, and opposing any attempt to deny public funding to CUNY based on the constitutionally protected speech or actions of its students, faculty, and staff, as well as any attempt by the CUNY administration—including the Board of Trustees—to leverage threats of the denial of public funding to justify the repression and censorship of CUNY students, faculty, and staff. **FAILED.**

MOTION: To extend the meeting by 10 minutes. (Motion: M. Newfield, seconded). **APPROVED.**

Resolution on Virtual Delegate Assembly Meetings, Submitted by Principal Officers , Submitted by Principal Officers

MOTION: To consider this newly introduced resolution immediately. (Motion: H. Meltzer, seconded.)

APPROVED

MOTION: 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 in the case of a special meeting. **APPROVED**

Resolution on Electronic Participation in Delegate Assembly Meetings, Submitted by the PSC Executive Council was introduced; discussion and vote at the next DA.

VIII Announcements

- October GoTV
- 5 Demands screening Oct 11

C. Lang - UAW strike - demonstration at GM offices in Manhattan Sept 30

MOTION: To adjourn. (Motion: R. Smart, seconded.) **APPROVED.**