PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly
February 19, 2015

Present:

BOWEN    EC    GRAHAM  CLT    PHILIPP  L
CERMELE  EC    JEU    CLT    COOGAN  LGCC
COHEN    EC    RICHARDSON  CLT    EGGER-SIDER  LGCC
DESOLE   EC    SHERMAN  CLT    GRONOWICZ  MCC
DIRAIMO  EC    SANCHEZ  CSI    HUTCHISON  MCC
FABRICANT EC    HANDIS  GS    KURTZ  MCC
FRIEDHEIM EC    ANGOTTI  H    MOORMAN  MCC
HATCHETT EC    BURGHARDT  H    OFFENHOLLEY  MCC
LONDON   EC    GOLD  H    CRAWFORD  MEC
MORAN    EC    MIRER  H    GRACIA  MEC
NEWFIELD EC    BERNARDINI  HCC    MACDONALD  NYCT
PANAYOTAKIS EC    COLON  HCC    MASON  NYCT
PEARLMAN EC    BRENNAN  HEO    SHEPARD  NYCT
PERSINGER EC    CARAGIULO  HEO    LEITES  Q
SPEAR    EC    DONEY  HEO    SANUDO  Q
VASQUEZ  EC    NELSON  HEO    CESARANO  QCC
HASHMI   B    NURSE  HEO    SINCLAIR  QCC
MANLOW   B    WINTER  HEO    STARK  QCC
WINE     BAR    BORNSTEIN  JJ    ZINGER  QCC
DICK     BCC    GEIGER  JJ    DISALVO  RET
TREGLIA  BCC    MAMELI  JJ    KOTELCHUCK  RET
WHARTON  BEOC    NELSON  JJ    LEBERSTEIN  RET
ABDALI   C    ROONEY  KCC    MCCALL  RET
BARNETT  C    YARMISH  KCC    PERLSTEIN  RET
FEIGENBERG C    FARRELL  L    SHEARIN PATTERSON  Y
FORSYTHE C    FOLSON  L    SHEIDLOWEY  Y

Guests:

Staff:

Ahmad, S.   Gabriel, B.  Muñoz, A.  Rasiotis, S.
Alladin, F.  Graf, B.    Paul, E.    Rosato, D.
Bell, D.     Hogness, P. Pfordresher, K. Young, P.
Clark, F.    Lewis, S.    Powell, E. Zauderer, N.

I. Approvals
   A. Agenda

Motion: To accept the proposed agenda (Motion: S. Shiedlower; second: A. Sherman) APPROVED.

B. Minutes

Motion: To accept the December 2014 minutes (Motion: A. Pearlman; second: M. Philipp) APPROVED.
Motion: To accept the January 2015 minutes as amended (Motion: A. Pearlman; second: S. Vey) APPROVED.

II. President’s Report and Discussion – B. Bowen

1. Update on Contract Campaign:
   - We are at about 11,000 signatures on the petition. Thanks to delegates for collecting more. We will be making plans to deliver the petitions to the Governor, the Mayor and the Chancellor.
   - The virtual action by members on Monday, February 2 was a huge success—hundreds of calls and emails—and had an impact.
   - PSC testimony at the February 17 Board of Trustees Hearing included reading emails sent as part of the February 2 action. Our message came through very clearly.
   - PSC leaders have met with the Mayor’s representatives, who responded supportively, and we are pressing at every door to get a settlement.
   - We had a bargaining session today and had a serious discussion about adjunct job security; reminder that in bargaining we are seeking major improvements besides salary—including HEO advancement, adjunct job security, leave for library faculty—that will also require significant organizing.
   - Officers are planning—and have talked to other locals—about a CUNY-wide rally.

2. Update on State Budget Campaign:
   - Governor Cuomo’s budget fails to include funding for CUNY’s mandatory cost increases, including fringe benefits and collective bargaining increases, with the effect that students’ tuition is subsidizing New York State. The legislation SUNY2020 authorized $1,500 tuition increases over 5 years to be used for enhancements in numbers of F/T faculty and programs, but, after the first year, the State did not provide funding for inflationary increases in mandatory costs. The Governor has also linked part of the funding to “performance measures” to which both CUNY and PSC object. PSC is running radio ads Albany urging the State to keep its promise to CUNY.
   - At the Higher Education budget hearing in Albany on Feb 10th, the Chancellor stressed the need for State funding for a contract. PSC’s testimony is on the website, as is a link to the Chancellor’s testimony.
   - Important lobby days—each delegate should sign up and ask someone to go:
     - Feb. 26th is Higher Education Lobby Day with students;
     - March 2nd & 3rd—in addition to meeting with legislators, NYSUT has planned a big demonstration.
   - Feb. 23-27 is Adjunct Awareness Week.

III. Administrative Items
A. Treasurer’s Report – M. Fabricant

Income: $1,457,000
Expenses: $1,583,000
Deficit: $126,000

Summary for the year-to-date (4 months):
Income: $6,010,000
Expenses: $5,713,000
Surplus: $297,000

There was a $394,000 positive variance on expenses and a $21,000 negative variance on income. Compared to a projected deficit of $94,000, the financial statement shows a surplus of $297,000 over four months. The surplus will continue to shrink, but the budget is in a healthy situation.

Motion: To accept the December 2014 financial report (Motion: A. Pearlman; second: E. Leites) APPROVED.

B. Executive Director’s Report – D. Bell
Bell introduced the new Organizer, Eric Paul. The department is now operating at full capacity.

March 2 is the deadline for completed PSC election petitions.

Academic Freedom Committee Forum March 25th — see website for details.

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn (Motion: A. Pearlman) APPROVED.