

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
DESOLA	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	BOEC	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	SHEIDLLOWER	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

Monthly Financial Report – December 2014

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.**

