

PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly

March 19, 2015

Present:

BATSON	EC	HANDIS	GS	HUTCHISON	MCC
BOWEN	EC	ANGOTTI	H	LEVY	MCC
CERMELE	EC	BURGHARDT	H	MELTZER	MCC
COHEN	EC	MIRER	H	MOORMAN	MCC
DELUTRO	EC	BERNARDINI	HCC	NAVARATNE	MCC
DESOLA	EC	COLON	HCC	OFFENHOLLEY	MCC
DIRAIMO	EC	BRENNAN	HEO	CRAWFORD	ME
FABRICANT	EC	CARAGIULO	HEO	HATCHETTE	MEOC
FRIEDHEIM	EC	CHITTY	HEO	MACDONALD	NYCT
LONDON	EC	MUCHITA	HEO	MASON	NYCT
MORAN	EC	NELSON	HEO	SHEPARD	NYCT
NEWFIELD	EC	WEEKES	HEO	VAN LOON	NYCT
PEARLMAN	EC	WINTER	HEO	SANUDO	Q
PERSINGER	EC	WU	HEO	ZEVIN	Q
VASQUEZ	EC	BORNSTEIN	JJ	CESARANO	QCC
VITALE	EC	CLARKE	JJ	MESSIER	QCC
WASHINGTON	EC	DAVIES	JJ	SINCLAIR	QCC
WEISBLATT	EC	GEIGER	JJ	STARK	QCC
MUNOZ	BXOC	NARKUNAS	JJ	ZINGER	QCC
BARNETT	C	NELSON	JJ	BALMUTH	RET
FEIGENBERG	C	ROONEY	KCC	HYLAND	RET
HUANG	C	FARRELL	L	KOTELCHUCK	RET
ABDALI	CLT	PHILIPP	L	LEBERSTEIN	RET
GRAHAM	CLT	COOGAN	LGCC	PERLSTEIN	RET
JEU	CLT	DURAND	LGCC	FRANK	Y
MCINTYRE	CLT	SHEN	LGCC	OLADIPO	Y
RICHARDSON	CLT	CROCCO	MCC	SHEARIN PATTERSON	Y
SHERMAN	CLT	FREAS	MCC	SHEIDLLOWER	Y
ELLIOTT	GS	GRONOWICZ	MCC		

Guests:

Andrew Orenzo-Intern (B), Shakia Brown (ME); Zee Dempster (GS)

Staff:

Ahmad, S.	Graf, B.	Lewis, S.	Rasiotis, S.
Bell, D.	Herst, J.	Munoz, A.	Rosato, D.
Cheng, I.	Hogness, P.	Paul, E.	Zwiebach, P.
Clark, F.	Lasher, R.	Pfordresher, K.	

I. Approvals

A. Agenda

Motion: To accept the proposed agenda (Motion: A. Pearlman ; second: M. Phillip)
APPROVED.

B. Minutes

Motion: To accept the February 2015 DA minutes (Motion: A. Sherman ; second: S. Shiedlower) **APPROVED.**

II. President's Report

- We are facing an unusual convergence of contract and budget issues. The State has billions of dollars in one-time surplus funds from bank settlements, and PSC is pressing for an allocation to CUNY to cover retroactive salary increases for the PSC bargaining unit. Assembly Higher Education Committee Chair Deborah Glick has asked her colleagues to sign on to a letter supporting this, and the union has been asking members to fax letters to their representatives and Speaker Heastie.
- Contract Campaign Update: CUNY has not put an economic offer on the bargaining table with CUNY. The union has called on CUNY to move on both economic and non-economic issues. CUNY must move on other priority demands to address structural change. We have demanded that CUNY make measurable progress on our non-economic issues. The union's EC is meeting frequently to discuss needed actions.
Bowen announced a PSC mass action on Tuesday, March 31, 5:30 – 7:00. The message will be to urge CUNY to move on our contract and to move on our issues.
- State Budget Update: Bowen thanked the delegates who made trips to Albany on February 26 for lobby day and on March 2 for the rally against Governor Cuomo's education agenda.
A previous Act Now letter was circulated for members to ask their Assembly members to sign on to a letter for increased funding for Maintenance of Effort funding for CUNY. As a result of PSC members' calls and faxes, 43 Assembly members have signed on to that letter. Union members' efforts have made a difference in PSC's visibility among legislators. PSC has run two radio ads in Albany and NYC, and PSC principal officers have been in Albany every week since early February, meeting with legislators and delivering our petitions—with 11,000 signatures—to the Governor's Office.

III. Administrative Items

A. Treasurer's Report – M. Fabricant

Monthly Financial Report – January 2015

Income: \$ 1,781,000
Expenses: \$ 1,743,000
Surplus: \$ 38,000

Summary for the year-to-date (5 months):

Income: \$ 7,792,000
Expenses: \$ 7,456,000
Surplus: \$ 336,000

Compared to a projected deficit of \$115,000, the financial statement shows a surplus of \$336,000 over three months. Over three months, PSC spent \$204,000 less than budgeted and received \$247,000 more income than anticipated.

Motion to accept the January 2015 financial report was approved. (Motion: H. Meltzer; second: A. Pearlman)

B. Executive Director's Report – D. Bell

The Graduate Center elected two Welfare Fund Advisory Council members – Andrea Vasquez and Zee Dempster.

The ballots for the PSC university-wide election will be mailed out April 1 and are due back on April 29. Ballots will be counted at the American Arbitration Association on April 30.

AAUP election ballots will be counted on April 30 at the union office.

IV. Reports and Action Items

A. Resolution: On Behalf of Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 3903 Representing Contract Faculty, Teaching Assistants, Graduate Assistants and Research Assistants at York University, Toronto, Canada.

Submitted by the International Committee and the Committee on Part-Time Personnel.

MOTION: Be it resolved that PSC-CUNY send a message of solidarity support to CUPE L. 3903 and a message to York University President Mamdough Shoukri urging him to resume good faith bargaining with the union local (MOTION: On behalf of the International Committee and the Committee on Part-Time Personnel) **APPROVED.**

B. City Budget – S. London

S. London reported that he and M. Fabricant testified at the City Council that the \$13 million the Mayor allocated in his proposed budget for CUNY community colleges, although a slight increase from the previous year, is not enough. The City Council is expected to restore its current-year funding initiatives that the Mayor did not put into the budget.

S. London encouraged delegates to sign up for CUNY at the Council.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

VII. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn (Motion: M. Fabricant) APPROVED.