Delegate Assembly Minutes
January 26, 2018

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Guest:

Bob Cermelke (RET), Rohan Kennedy (BXOC), Noah Negin, Marcia Newfield (RET), David Smith (BXOC), Lynne Turner (GC)

PSC Staff

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Brill, D.  
Brown, T.  
Clark, F.  
Gabriel, B.  
Graf, B.  
Lasher, R.  
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Lewis, S.  
Paul, A.  
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Rasiotis, S.  
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Young, P.  
Zauderer, N.  
Zwiebach, P.  

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III. Proposed Delegate Assembly Meeting Dates
   Thursday, January 25, 2018 – 6:30 PM
   Thursday, February 15, 2018 – 6:30 PM
   Thursday, March 15, 2018 – 6:30 PM
   Thursday, April 12, 2018 – 6:30 PM
   Thursday, May 10, 2018 – 6:30 PM
   Thursday, June 21, 2018 – 6:30 PM

MOTION: To accept the Spring Delegate Assembly meeting dates. (Motion: I. DeLutro; Second: S. Sheidlower) APPROVED.

IV. Chapter Report
   John Jay – Dan Pinello provided a written report about the chapter’s very effective use of labor/management meetings. He also acknowledged Janet Winter, HEO Vice Chair, and Judith Beekman, retired CLT, for their critical contributions to the John Jay Chapter and their participation in labor/management meetings.

V. Administrative Items
   A. Treasurer’s Report – S. Persinger
      Summary for November
      Operating Income      $1,691,000
      Operating Expenses    $1,673,000
      Surplus               $  18,000

      Year-to-date (3 months)
      Operating Income      $5,138,000
      Operating Expenses    $4,893,000
      Surplus               $ 245,000

A $73,000 deficit was budgeted for three months. The financial statement shows an actual three-month surplus of $245,000, because the union continues to build a surplus until the Janus decision, which is expected to result in reduced revenues.

MOTION: To accept the November financial report. (Motion: S. Sheidlower; second: E. Moran) APPROVED.

   B. Executive Director’s Report – D. Bell
      Personnel – The Executive Council has approved the appointment of Renee Lasher as the new Director of Contract Administration. A proposed University-wide Grievance Counselor will be brought to the DA at a later date.
      Membership Campaign – The organizers are distributing the names of two fee-payers to each delegate. Please reach out to them and report back before the next DA.

VI. Resolutions
   • Resolution on Constitutional Amendment to Article III
      Luke Elliott-Negri reported that one sentence in the original resolution is withdrawn (in Article III, Section 7), based on discussions between the makers of the resolution and the PSC principal officers, therefore the amendment consideration process must start again. He proposed a new Constitutional Amendment:
Amend Article III, Section 5 Subsection e as follows:

Notwithstanding Article III Section 5 (a-d) above, a member in good standing for at least one year who goes off payroll for up to one year for any reason other than retirement shall be permitted to vote and run for office upon returning to payroll provided he or she is otherwise eligible. A person who has been a member in good standing for at least one year who changes campus affiliation will be immediately eligible to vote and run for office at the new campus. In the interim before documentation is received from the employer, affirmation by the member of return to payroll and a payroll stub shall be considered sufficient proof of status.

Amend Article III, Section 7 as follows:
Notwithstanding Article III Section 5(e), individuals on leave without pay shall have the option of retaining membership for the duration of their leave by the direct payment of the dues appropriate to their previous status.

A substitute motion was proposed:

Amend Article III, Section 5 Subsection e as follows:

Notwithstanding Article III Section 5(a-d) above, a member of the part-time instructional staff who has been a member in good standing for at least one year and who goes off payroll for one semester for any reason other than retirement shall be permitted to vote and run for office upon returning to payroll provided he or she is otherwise eligible and that a payment has been made to the union for dues equal to the dues paid during the previous semester while off payroll. The member may apply to the Adjunct Eligibility Reinstatement Fund for up to 80 percent of the dues amount, and must be responsible for payment of at least 20 percent of the amount. Dues may be paid upon return to the payroll. A person who has been a member in good standing for at least one year who changes chapter membership will be immediately eligible to vote at the new chapter.

[No changes to Article III, Section 7.]

MOTION: To accept the substitute motion (Motion: B. Bowen; second: N. Majumdar) FAILED.

MOTION: To accept the original motion for a proposed Constitutional Amendment (Motion: M. Kagan; second: L. Elliott-Negri) APPROVED by at least 2/3 of delegates.

- On Students Making Informed Decisions Regarding Military Service and ROTC (For NYSUT RA):

Resolved, that NYSUT calls on school districts, colleges and universities to offer their students diverse views about military service and ROTC, balancing arguments for military service and ROTC training with the arguments of critics of military service, including its health risks, and

Resolved, that NYSUT develop a curriculum guide with resources for teachers from the perspective of those who advocate for military service and those who oppose it
Resolved, that the NYSUT advocate that ROTC classes offered at institutes of higher education must be subject to the normal, faculty-governed course approval procedure like any other course at the institution prior to being offered for academic credit at colleges and universities.

MOTION: To accept the Resolution on Students Making Informed Decisions Regarding Military Service and ROTC (Motion: G. Kissack, second: A. Gronowicz)

A vote was not possible because the Chair ruled that a quorum was no longer present. The Chair ruled that the remaining resolutions would be submitted to the Executive Council for action.

- Against “America’s Forever Wars” (For NYSUT RA)
- On Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 9:21 p.m. (Motion: I. DeLutro) APPROVED.