PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly
Minutes: December 18, 2014

Present:

BOWEN    EC    MCDONALD    C    HYMAN    L    STARK    QCC
BUCHSBAUM EC    GRAHAM    CLT    PHILIPP    L    ZINGER    QCC
CERMELE    EC    JEU    CLT    BERKE    LGCC    BALMUTH    RET
COHEN    EC    MCINTYRE    CLT    DURAND    LGCC    DISALVO    RET
DELUTRO    EC    SHERMAN    CLT    SHEN    LGCC    HYLAND    RET
DESOLA    EC    SANCHEZ    CSI    WALTERS    LGCC    KOTELCHUCK    RET
DIRAIMO    EC    TOURNAKI    CSI    YOUENS    LGCC    LEBERSTEIN    RET
FABRICANT    EC    HANDIS    GS    BURGESS    MCC    FRANK    Y
FRIEDHEIM    EC    MICHAELS    GS    CROCCO    MCC    SHEARIN    Y
LONDON    EC    MIRER    H    FREAS    MCC    SHEIDLOWER    Y
MORAN    EC    BERNARDINI    HCC    GRONOWICZ    MCC
NEWFIELD    EC    STEINBERG    HCC    HUTCHISON    MCC
PANAYOTAKIS    EC    CARAGIULO    HEO    MELTZER    MCC
PEARLMAN    EC    GALLAGHER    HEO    MOORMAN    MCC
PERSINGER    EC    MATOS    HEO    NAVARATNE    MCC
VASQUEZ    EC    MUCHITA    HEO    OFFENHOLLEY    MCC
WASHINGTON    EC    NELSON    HEO    CRAWFORD    MEC
WEISBLATT    EC    WINTER    HEO    DOUGLAS    NYCT
GRASSMAN    B    WU    HEO    LANSIQUOT    NYCT
HASHMI    B    BORNESTEIN    JJ    MASON    NYCT
MANLOW    B    GEIGER    JJ    VAN LOON    NYCT
WINE    BAR    MAMELI    JJ    VEY    NYCT
DICK    BCC    NELSON    JJ    EISENSTEIN    Q
WHARTON    BEOC    PITTMAN    JJ    SANUDO    Q
MUNOZ    BXOC    STROBL    JJ    ZEVIN    Q
BARNETT    C    CALLY    KCC    CUTRONE    QCC
FEIGENBERG    C    DILL    KCC    LAU    QCC
FORSYTHE    C    FARRELL    L    SINCLAIR    QCC

Guests:

Evelyn Burg (LGCC), Nozomi Kato (MEC), John Lawrence (CSI)

Staff:

Ahmad, S.    Clark, F.    Pfordresher, K.    Zauderer, N.
Alladin, F.    Gabriel, B.    Rasiotis, S.    Zwiebach, P.
Bell, D.    Graf, B.    Reilly, A.
Bergen, D.    Hogness, P.    Rosato, D.
Cheng, I.    Lewis, S.    Young, P.
I. Approvals
   A. Agenda
      **Motion: To accept the proposed agenda** (Motion: A. Sherman; second: B. Cermele) APPROVED.
   B. Minutes
      **Motion to accept the November minutes** (Motion: S. Sheidlower; second: H. Meltzer) APPROVED.

II. President’s Report and Discussion
    • B. Bowen led a moment of silence for the passing of Steven Levine, a member activist.
    • Bargaining Update. The union held 2 bargaining sessions last week with CUNY at which management commented several times that they heard us at the BOT public hearing. At the bargaining sessions, the union presented demands regarding educational technology and reduction in teaching load. The Executive Council has a special meeting tomorrow to strategize on next moves in the contract campaign. The union needs to keep pressure on CUNY.
    • Petition Update. There are 7500 signatures to date. B. Bowen thanked Director of Organizing Deirdre Brill and Mike Fabricant for tracking who has signed. The union will find tactical ways of delivering the petition to Governor Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio. M. Fabricant encouraged Delegates to mobilize campuses for petition signatures.
    • EdTPA Taskforce. Steve London is part of the taskforce, working in collaboration with UUP and NYSUT. EdTPA will have real consequences for CUNY Schools of Education. He will give a fuller report at the next DA.
    • NYSUT RA is coming up in early May 2015. We will propose some resolutions tonight. Resolutions have consequences because the affiliates follow up. The Executive Council has nominated Steve London as Higher Education Person of the Year.
      **Motion, on behalf of EC, to accept the nomination of Steve London as NYSUT Higher Education Person of the Year, APPROVED by acclamation.**

III. Administrative Items
    A. Treasurer’s Report – M. Fabricant
       Monthly Financial Report – October
       Income: $ 1,561,000
       Expenses: $ 1,533,000
       Surplus: $ 28,000
Year-to-date (2 months):
Income: $ 2,991,000
Expenses: $ 2,810,000
Surplus: $ 181,000

Compared to a projected deficit of $47,000, the financial statement shows a surplus of $181,000 over two months. Over two months, PSC spent $255,000 less than budgeted and received $27,000 less income than anticipated.

**Motion to accept the October 2014 financial report was approved.** (Motion: A. Sherman; second: H. Meltzer)

B. Executive Director’s Report – D. Bell
Elections Committee Report. The Elections Committee certified the following chapter elections:

**CLT Chapter:** Delegate - Syed Abdali; Alternate Delegates – Alberto Rivera, Sonya Acevedo, Ernst Gracia
**York Chapter:** Vice Chair – Steve Weisblatt
**John Jay:** Paul Narkunas will be serving as Acting Chair in Spring 2015 while the Chair and Vice Chair will be on sabbatical.

**MOTION: To accept the Elections Committee report** (Motion: S. Sheidlower; second: W. Friedheim) APPROVED.

Library Faculty Committee. Elizabeth Tompkins resigned from the library faculty committee. Jay Bernstein has taken her place.  **MOTION: To affirm Jay Bernstein’s appointment to the library faculty committee** (Motion: M. Phillip; second: S. Sheidlower) APPROVED.

IV. Member Voices
Felicia Wharton, Brooklyn EOC, and Frank Munoz, Bronx EOC, reprised their BOT testimony for Delegates.

V. Reports and Action Items
A. Proposed NYSUT RA Resolutions from Retiree Council (language cannot be amended):
   - Support Constitutional Amendment to overturn Citizen United Decision by U.S. Supreme Court
     **MOTION, on behalf of Executive Council, to co-sponsor resolution** APPROVED. (Motion: S. Sheidlower; second: N. Burke)
   - Support and Defend Defined Benefit Pensions at both State and Federal Levels for all Public Employees
MOTION, on behalf of Executive Council, to co-sponsor resolution (MOTION: S. London; second: E. Moran) APPROVED.

A delegate suggested developing a separate resolution because 80% of all PSC members are in TIAA-CREF, a defined contribution plan.

- Two additional Retiree Council Resolutions not recommended.

B. Proposed PSC Resolution: Solidarity with the Disappeared Students of the Ayotzinapa Teachers College in Mexico and Their Families (MOTION: On Behalf of the Executive Council)

“Therefore be it Resolved, that PSC-CUNY endorses the above solidarity statement of the Workers’ Economy conference in Mexico City, and will send copies of this resolution to the relevant authorities in Mexico and the United States, as well as to the faculty and students of the Ayotzinapa Teachers College” APPROVED by acclamation.

C. Brief Reports on Dec. 11th Moments of Silence on Campuses.

VI. Old Business
VII. New Business
VIII. Adjournment

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