

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	SHEIDLLOWER	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	BORNSTEIN	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. 11<sup>th</sup> Moments of Silence on Campuses.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Adjournment

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