Delegate Assembly Minutes
November 10, 2016

Present:

BATSON  EC  SHERMAN  CLT  FREAS  MCC
BOWEN  EC  KARACAS  CSI  GAMBS  MCC
COHEN  EC  GLICK  H  KURTZ  MCC
DELUTRO  EC  LEWIS  H  LEVY  MCC
DICK  EC  BINK  HEO  MELTZER  MCC
DIRAIMO  EC  CARAGIULO  HEO  MOORMAN  MCC
ELLIOTT  EC  CRUZ-EUSEBIO  HEO  NAVARATNE  MCC
FABRICANT  EC  DEMPSTER  HEO  OFFENHOLLEY  MCC
FEIGENBERG  EC  DIEUDONNE  HEO  ALBANY  NYCT
GRONOWICZ  EC  GALLAGHER  HCC  SHEPARD  NYCT
LEBERSTEIN  EC  HUGHES  HEO  GERWIN  Q
LEWIS  EC  MARIUS  HEO  MUKHERJEE  Q
LONDON  EC  OKROSY  HEO  CESARANO  QCC
MAJUMDAR  EC  STEWART  HEO  CLINGAN  QCC
PERSINGER  EC  WINTER  HEO  ROSENTHAL  QCC
TYNER-MULLINGS  EC  KANG  JJ  STARK  QCC
VASQUEZ  EC  MAMELI  JJ  BARBANEL  RET
MANLOW  B  PITTMAN  JJ  DISALVO  RET
SHORTELL  B  WETZEL  KCC  KOTELCHUCK  RET
WILLS  B  ALEXANDER-STREET  L  MCCALL  RET
FARADJ  BCC  AUSLANDER  L  MORAN  RET
TREGLIA  BCC  FARRELL  L  PERLSTEIN  RET
UTAKIS  BCC  FOLSOM  L  FRANK  Y
ABDALI  CLT  MELLEN  L  SHEARIN PATTERSON  Y
JEU  CLT  SHEN  LGCC  SHEIDLOWER  Y

Guests:

Jay Arena (CSI), Kristina Baines (GCC), Jonathan Buchsbaum (Q), Bob Cermele (RET), Susan Fountain (GS), Ahad Islam (Q-Student), Charles Keyes (LGCC), Emaad Khwaja (H-Student), Marcia Newfield (MCC), Youngmin Seo (LGCC), Anh Tran (GC), Alhassan Umar (BCC-Student)

Staff:

Ahmad, S.  Cheng, I.  Lasher, R.  Powell, E.
Alladin, F.  Gabriel, B.  Lewis, S.  Rosato, D.
Bell, D.  Graf, B.  Paul, A.  Young, P.
Brill, D.  Herst, J.  Pfordresher, K.  Zwiebach, P.
I. Approvals
A. Agenda
MOTION: To accept the agenda was approved. (Motion: I. DeLutro; second: A. Sherman)

B. Minutes
Minutes of the October DA will be circulated electronically and voted on at the next DA.

II. President’s Report and Discussion

• We share the shock of realizing how many areas of our lives will be penetrated by a Trump presidency and its ramifications:
  - The impact on the NY State budget of changes to federal health care programs and what that means for funding for CUNY and NYC;
  - Impact on our members and CUNY students and their communities, especially those who are newly vulnerable after the campaign and Trump victory;
  - Changes on the Supreme Court and the likelihood of more Friedrichs-like cases as well as the potential for a wide range of decisions;
  - Changes to higher education funding and regulations, as well as reduced aid for students and pressures on academic freedom;
  - Impact on environmental regulations; on women’s rights, on health and safety.
We have a responsibility to analyze the actions that should be taken and to act. The PSC will be addressing that question in a variety of ways: expanding membership, standing up for students, hosting forums, building coalitions.

• Contract implementation –
  - The union is continuing to work with CUNY to get a firm date in January when back pay will be paid and to develop answers to frequently asked questions.
  - PSC Officers have been meeting with department chairs at all the campuses to discuss new contractual elements and to hear their comments on them.
  - The HEO chapter has been preparing to train representatives on L/M committees who will be working with members on new HEO advancement provisions.
  - Outreach to teaching adjuncts continues about the multi-year appointments.
  - A small committee of PSC representatives met with management to discuss the MOA provision on the 3-credit teaching load reduction and stressed the need for increased funding. Following the meeting, CUNY increased its budget request by $35 million for the “Faculty Partnership for Student Success Initiative.”
  - Nivedita Majumdar reported that the union is setting up a broad advisory committee on teaching load to develop information for the bargaining groups and organizing strategy. She asked the delegates for suggestions for possible advisory committee members.
• Legislative Report—M. Fabricant reported that while PSC did not succeed in its goals of electing democrats to the White House and to the State Senate, the union did succeed in engaging members in the electoral process and building capacity. Over 100 members signed up to volunteer and the union made 5,400 calls in the general election.
• Michael Batson, the new PSC COPE Coordinator, urged delegates to contribute to COPE.
• CUNY Rising Alliance—M. Fabricant reported that CUNY Rising is still calling on the Legislature to support a high quality, fully funded CUNY by supporting the Student Bill of Rights. Three town hall meetings are scheduled on three CUNY campuses over the next two weeks, hosted by student groups, community groups and unions. We hope that delegates and their students will attend these events.

III. Administrative Items
A. Treasurer's Report—S. Persinger
  Summary of Financial Report for the month and for the year-to-date:
  Income: $1,658,000 Expenses: $1,508,000 Surplus: $150,000

  Year-to-date (12 months)
  The PSC 2016-17 budget was approved by the DA only in October, so it is not shown here. The financial statement shows a one-month surplus of $150,000 which mainly resulted from the payment in advance of annual retiree dues.

  MOTION: To accept the August financial report was approved. (Motion: J. Gallagher; second: H. Meltzer)

B. Executive Director's Report
Elections Committee Report:
The Committee set the dates for the spring 2017 elections:
1/6/17 – candidate declaration of candidacy is due
2/1/17 – pre-printed nominating petitions are available
3/2/17 – signed petitions are due
4/1/17 – ballots mailed
4/28/17 – ballots are due
4/29/17 – ballots will be counted

In order to be eligible to vote in chapter elections, individuals must be PSC members by 12/5/16 (4 months before ballots are mailed).

A special election for the MEOC will follow the above schedule.
Elections Committee – Danny Lynch has retired. Three new members are proposed: Kathleen Offenholly, Ed Ott, and Dominic Wetzel.

**Motion to accept the additions to the Elections Committee was approved.** (Motion: B. Bowen; second: S. Sheidlower)

**Motion to accept the Elections Committee report was approved.** (Motion: H. Meltzer; second: J. Pittman)

**IV. Resolutions**
- Resolution on the Equal Recognition of Muslim Holidays in the Academic Calendar
  The DA lacked a quorum so Pres. Bowen recommended that a committee chaired by HEO delegate John Gallagher review and consider amendments to the resolution and prepare something for the Executive Council to consider at its next meeting.

  By acclamation, the delegates present affirmed a commitment to support all CUNY students and applaud their courage in this moment of vulnerability.

  Resolution that the PSC oppose the Trans-Pacific Trade Agreement (TPP) and its Threat to Public Higher Education (Motion: Environmental Justice Committee)

  The DA lacked a quorum. Pres. Bowen recommended that the resolution be considered by the Executive Council.

**V. Old Business**

Delegate Michael Batson, the new PSC COPE Coordinator reminded delegates about the importance of signing up for a regular COPE deduction.

**VI. New Business**

**VII. Adjournment**

**MOTION to adjourn** (Motion: H. Meltzer) **APPROVED.**