

**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	SHEIDLLOWER	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

- Monthly Financial Report – September 2016  
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.**