

**Delegate Assembly Minutes
February 16, 2017**

Present:

BOWEN	EC	ABDALI	CLT	SHEN	LGCC
COHEN	EC	GRACIA	CLT	YOUENS	LGCC
COLON	EC	HERTZBERG	CLT	FREAS	MCC
DELUTRO	EC	JEU	CLT	ISSERLES	MCC
DICK	EC	SHERMAN	CLT	KURTZ	MCC
DIRAIMO	EC	COPE	CSI	MELTZER	MCC
FABRICANT	EC	KARACAS	CSI	MOORMAN	MCC
FEIGENBERG	EC	SILVERBERG	CSI	NAVARATNE	MCC
GRONOWICZ	EC	ELLIOTT-NEGRI	GS	OFFENHOLLEY	MCC
HATCHETT	EC	GLICK	H	CRAWFORD	ME
LEBERSTEIN	EC	CARAGIULO	HEO	ALBANY	NYCT
MAJUMDAR	EC	CHITTY	HEO	LOGUERCIO	NYCT
PERSINGER	EC	DEMPSTER	HEO	SHEPARD	NYCT
TYNER-MULLINGS	EC	GALLAGHER	HEO	MUKHERJEE	Q
VASQUEZ	EC	MATOS	HEO	ZEVIN	Q
VITALE	EC	OKROSY	HEO	CLINGAN	QCC
DAVIS	B	PADILLA	HEO	STARK	QCC
MANLOW	B	WINTER	HEO	BARBANEL	RET
WILLS	B	CLARKE	JJ	DISALVO	RET
DIGIROLAMO	BAR	MAMELI	JJ	FRIEDHEIM	RET
PETERSEN	BAR	NELSON	JJ	KOTELCHUCK	RET
WINE	BAR	PITTMAN	JJ	LILLY	RET
FARADJ	BCC	ACOSTA	KCC	MCCALL	RET
GUISHARD	BCC	CAMPBELL	L	MORAN	RET
KOLOZI	BCC	HYMAN	L	PERLSTEIN	RET
UTAKIS	BCC	MELLEN	L	FRANK	Y
WHARTON	BECC	COOGAN	LGCC	HANSEN	Y
DAVIS	C	EGGER-SIDER	LGCC	SHEIDLOWER	Y

Guests:

Nancy Cardwell (C), Jennifer Harrington (BAR), Marc Kagan (GS), Immanuel Ness (B), Tony O'Brien (RET), Jakob Schneider (GS), Carly Smith (BAR), Pamela Stemberg (C)

Staff:

Ahmad, S.	Brown, T.	Lewis, S.	Young, P.
Alladin, F.	Cajuste, F.	Paul, A.	Zauderer, N.
Bell, D.	Cheng, I.	Powell, E.	Zwiebach, P.
Bergen, D.	Clark, F.	Reilly, A.	
Brill, D.	Gabriel, B.	Rosato, D.	

I. **Approvals**

A. Agenda

MOTION: To accept the agenda (Motion: S. Sheidlower; second: J. Gallagher)

AMENDMENT: To insert in the agenda, immediately after the president's report, 20-minute breakout sessions to discuss the retreat agenda (Motion: S. Shen; second: H. Clark)

FAILED.

Agenda approved.

B. Minutes

January minutes to be voted on in March.

II. **President's Report**

- Recommitment Campaign – Pres. Bowen reported that PSC is working on multiple campaigns, including resisting Trump and ensuring the survival of our union. There are multiple cases challenging the payment of agency fee in public sector unions that are wending their way to the Supreme Court. The one most likely to reach the court first is *Janus v. AFSCME*. The decision in such a case will almost certainly enable people who choose not to become members to be free riders. The decision will be made between March and June 2018. Delegates were asked to sign “recommitment cards,” publicly pledging to continue to pay union dues.
- Other Ongoing Campaigns – The State budget campaign is through April 2017. Most of the fundamental problems at CUNY are at some level budgetary problems, and they need budgetary solutions. That’s why the PSC has called for “full funding” of CUNY. The PSC’s budget request for FY2018 includes funding for a restructured full-time faculty workload, for adjunct pay equity, for more full-time faculty lines and for an expanded Excelsior Scholarship program. The City budget campaign is through June 2017. For the first time, CUNY has requested \$35 million from the City for restructured faculty workload. The campaign to implement and enforce the contract is ongoing, and our current contract expires at the end of November 2017. There’s the adhesion campaign, which must be completed by the time the Supreme Court decision comes down, June 2018 at the latest. The next campaign is longer; resistance to the Trump/Pence agenda will be through December 2021. The resistance campaign involves: 1) making the recommitment to pay full union dues, 2) signing up to get email alerts to be a rapid responder, 3) pressing for sanctuary and getting “upstander” training, 4) raising the demand for full funding for CUNY and a good contract, 5) planning a moratorium on May 1.
- Conference on Global Resistance to Neoliberalism – Faculty, students and activists in campaigns to preserve public higher education are coming from South Africa, Mexico, Puerto Rico and parts of the US to share their experiences fighting the neoliberal attack on higher education on March 3 and 4. It will be a forum for sharing experiences and discussing strategies in this ongoing struggle.
- Update on Constitutional Change Committee Work – The ad hoc committee met. Our attorney is reviewing other union constitutions nationally that address the issue of members temporarily going off payroll, especially members in contingent employment. The committee will report at the next DA.

- The Organizing Campaigns Retreat voted is tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 17. The Executive Council has constituted a planning committee. Pres. Bowen asked delegates to break into groups for ten minutes and write down their ideas for the retreat, including whether to meet on a Friday or Saturday. The recommendations will be considered by the planning committee.
- Legislative Report – M. Fabricant reported that the governor’s Excelsior Scholarship program presents a great opportunity for PSC. The governor has put free tuition back into political discourse, but it primarily benefits people higher up the economic ladder than most CUNY students. The proposal has spurred other bills in the Assembly and Senate. What is missing is public funding on the operational side. We are pushing for higher adjunct salaries, 1,000 more full-time faculty positions, and more counseling positions. PSC is part of an emerging revenue group, supporting expansion of the millionaire’s tax. These objectives cannot be squeezed out of CUNY’s existing budget. Sign-up sheets for lobby days in March were distributed.

III. **Administrative Items** – No further votes could be taken due to the loss of a quorum.

- A. Executive Director’s Report – D. Bell
Candidate/Slate petitions for chapter elections in April are due March 2nd.
- B. Treasurer’s Report – S. Persinger

IV. **Resolutions**

- Resolution on Revised Guidelines for Resolutions
- Resolution on the Opposition to the Cuomo Tax and Subsidies of Failing Nuclear Power Plants
- Resolution in Support of the Opposition to the Pilgrim Pipelines Construction
- Resolution on PSC Cooperation with the Inspector General’s Investigation – A substitute resolution will be developed.

V. **Old Business**

VI. **New Business**

VII. **Adjournment**

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:40 (Motion: M. Fabricant) APPROVED.