

PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly  
January 29, 2015

Present:

BATSON	EC	ABDALI	C	DURAND	LGCC	FRANK	Y
BOWEN	EC	BARNETT	C	EGGER-SIDER	LGCC	OLADIPO	Y
CERMELE	EC	FEIGENBERG	C	SHEN	LGCC	SHEARIN PATTERSON	Y
COHEN	EC	ACEVEDO	CLT	FREAS	MCC	SHEIDLOWER	Y
DELUTRO	EC	GRAHAM	CLT	GRONOWICZ	MCC		
DESOLA	EC	MCINTYRE	CLT	HUTCHISON	MCC		
DIRAIMO	EC	RIVERA	CLT	KURTZ	MCC		
FABRICANT	EC	SHERMAN	CLT	MELTZER	MCC		
FRIEDHEIM	EC	HANDIS	GS	MOORMAN	MCC		
HATCHETT	EC	MICHAELS	GS	NAVARATNE	MCC		
LONDON	EC	ANGOTTI	H	OFFENHOLLEY	MCC		
NEWFIELD	EC	BERNEY	H	POST	MCC		
PANAYOTAKIS	EC	BURGHARDT	H	WAYCHOFF	MCC		
PEARLMAN	EC	MIRER	H	MACDONALD	NYCT		
PERSINGER	EC	BERNARDINI	HCC	SHEPARD	NYCT		
PIMENTEL	EC	COLON	HCC	LEITES	Q		
VASQUEZ	EC	BRENNAN	HEO	SANUDO	Q		
VAZQUEZ	EC	CLAPP	HEO	ZEVIN	Q		
WASHINGTON	EC	MATOS	HEO	CUTRONE	QCC		
GRASSMAN	B	MUCHITA	HEO	LAU	QCC		
HASHMI	B	NELSON	HEO	MALOY	QCC		
MANLOW	B	RODRIGUEZ	HEO	SINCLAIR	QCC		
WILLS	B	WU	HEO	ZINGER	QCC		
WINE	BAR	CLARKE	JJ	BALMUTH	RET		
DICK	BCC	MAMELI	JJ	HYLAND	RET		
KOLOZI	BCC	NELSON	JJ	KOTELCHUCK	RET		
WOLF	BCC	ROONEY	KCC	LEBERSTEIN	RET		
WHARTON	BEOC	PHILIPP	L	PERLSTEIN	RET		

Guests:

Staff:

Ahmad, S.	Cheng, I.	Lewis, S.	Rasiotis, S.
Alladin, F.	Clark, F.	Munoz, A.	Rosato, D.
Bell, D.	Gabriel, B.	Pfordresher, K.	Young, P.
Bergen, D.	Graf, B.	Powell, E.	Zauderer, N.

I. Approvals

A. Agenda

**Motion: To accept the proposed agenda** (Motion: A. Pearlman; second: S. Shiedlower) **APPROVED.**

B. Minutes

December 2014 Minutes will be voted on at the next DA.

II. President's Report and Discussion – B. Bowen

- Update on Collective Bargaining and Campaign: Bowen announced that the PSC petition calling on Governor Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio to take action on the PSC contract will close February 17. Bowen urged Delegates to continue organizing on their campuses.
- Union activists attended the BoT meeting 1/26 and made their voices heard. Bowen sent an open letter to the Board. Bowen will put a call out for a virtual mass action by members on Monday, February 2.
- Governor Cuomo has proposed a budget that fails to include funding for CUNY's mandatory cost increases, including collective bargaining increases. Delegates were invited to attend the Higher Education budget hearing in Albany where PSC will testify, along with CUNY, SUNY, UUP and NYSUT.
- Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> is Higher Education Lobby Day with students; Delegates were urged to participate.
- Feb. 23-27 is Adjunct Awareness Week.
- Outreach to Members – Discussion by Chapter  
Delegates spent time strategizing on reaching out to members on their campuses to sign the petition to Governor Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio.

III. Administrative Items

A. Treasurer's Report – M. Fabricant

**Monthly Financial Report – November 2014**

Income:	\$ 1,562,000
Expenses:	\$ 1,321,000
Surplus:	\$ 241,000

**Summary for the year-to-date (3 months):**

Income:	\$ 4,553,000
Expenses:	\$ 4,131,000
Surplus:	\$ 422,000

Compared to a projected deficit of \$72,000, the financial statement shows a surplus of \$422,000 over three months. The surplus will disappear over the next few months, given the projected cost of the contract fight.

**Motion: To accept the November 2014 financial report** (Motion: E. Leites; Second: B. Vázquez) **APPROVED.**

B. Executive Director's Report – D. Bell

The Executive Council has approved two new appointments to the Organizing Department - Emma Powell and Eric Paul. The department is now operating at full capacity.

Four new members are proposed to serve on the Elections Committee: Edmund Leites, Joyce Moorman, Paul Narkunas and Marcia Newfield.

**MOTION: To accept the proposed Elections Committee members** (Motion: B. Nelson; second: A. Sherman) **APPROVED.**

March 2 is the deadline for completed PSC election petitions. The Elections Committee will meet to certify that the petitions are accurate and complete.

IV. Reports and Action Items

A. Proposed NYSUT Resolutions

i. Solidarity with Ayotzinapa Teachers

**MOTION: To sponsor resolution at the NYSUT RA 2015** (Motion: M. Philipp; Second: I. DeLutro) **APPROVED.**

ii. Democratizing Ballot Access in New York State

**MOTION: To sponsor resolution at the NYSUT RA 2015** (Motion: J. Zevin; Second: H. Meltzer) **APPROVED.**

iii. Justice for Unarmed Civilians

**MOTION: To amend the resolution to remove “unarmed” from the title, replace “citizens” with “civilians” and remove “to” at the beginning of line 37 and add the following at the end of line 36: “that is transparent and accountable to the public and that would”** (Motion: Bonnie Nelson; Second: F. Pimentel) **APPROVED.**

**MOTION: To sponsor resolution at the NYSUT RA 2015** (Motion: S. Leberstein; Second: R. Cermele) **APPROVED.**

B. Report on NY State Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) – S. London

- Full implementation of the State Education’s Dept. proposal was put off last spring.
- A task force was appointed to review proposed edTPA, including 3 PSC representatives
- The performance-based tests that make up the assessments have been created by private companies like Pearson, which are seeking to profit from public education; there are no studies supporting their effectiveness. They are expensive for students and may well create a teach-to-the-test environment in schools of education. PSC reps. have been joined by some administrators from public university schools of education in opposing the use of these tests.
- Many students did not take the tests last year because the tests were voluntary. Pass rates were low. More tests have been imposed this year.
- The task force sent recommendations to Commissioner King (who has since left the position). PSC, UUP and NYSUT have drafted a separate report.

C. Vote on Paperless DA

**MOTION: To continue paperless DA except for late-arriving documents and with a commitment to accommodate Delegates who require paper copies**  
(Motion: A. Pearlman; second: A. Fegeinbreg) **APPROVED.**

V. New Business

- Delegate B. Nelson requested that negotiations to make phased retirement a permanent benefit include a demand for a lower eligibility age.

VI. Adjournment

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