

PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly  
 Draft Minutes: November 14, 2013

Present:

Delegates:

BATSON	EC	WILLS	B	LYNCH	LGCC
BOWEN	EC	FEIGENBERG	C	FARRELL	L
BUCHSBAUM	EC	RANGEL	C	PHILIPP	L
CERMELE	EC	JEU	CLT	HATCHETTE	MEOC
DELUTRO	EC	MCINTYRE	CLT	ALBANY	NYCT
DESOLA	EC	BINK	HEO	CUORDILEONE	NYCT
DIRAIMO	EC	BRENNAN	HEO	DOUGLAS	NYCT
FABRICANT	EC	CARAGIULO	HEO	LANSIQUOT	NYCT
FRIEDHEIM	EC	CHITTY	HEO	VEY	NYCT
FRIEDMAN	EC	GALLAGHER	HEO	ENGLISH	Q
HATCHETT	EC	GOODMAN	HEO	LEITES	Q
LONDON	EC	IRONS	HEO	SANUDO	Q
MORAN	EC	JENNINGS	HEO	BARBANEL	QCC
NEWFIELD	EC	LEVINE	HEO	CESARANO	QCC
PANAYOTAKIS	EC	NELSON	HEO	CUTRONE	QCC
PERSINGER	EC	ROBERTS	HEO	LAU	QCC
VITALE	EC	RODRIGUEZ	HEO	MESSIER	QCC
WASHINGTON	EC	WINTER	HEO	SINCLAIR	QCC
ALLY	BMCC	WU	HEO	STARK	QCC
GRONOWICZ	BMCC	BERNARDINI	HCC	ZINGER	QCC
MELTZER	BMCC	ANGOTTI	H	BALMUTH	RET
MOORMAN	BMCC	JOHN	H	HYLAND	RET
OFFENHOLLEY	BMCC	PORTLOCK	H	KOTELCHUCK	RET
DEGIERE	BXCC	MAJUMDAR	JJ	LEBERSTEIN	RET
DICK	BXCC	PITTMAN	JJ	MCCALL	RET
LAWTON	BXCC	BARNHART	KCC	PERLSTEIN	RET
MAZZATENTA	BXCC	ROONEY	KCC	CLINE	Y
WOLF	BXCC	EGGER-SIDER	LGCC	FRANK	Y
MUNOZ	BXOC	DURAND	LGCC	SHEIDLLOWER	Y

Guests:

Cason, Harry (R); Halter, John [Committee of Concerned Students, Alumni, Faculty & Staff (COC)]; Hartley, Tavia (COC); Johnson, Kevin (COC); Lawrence, John (CSI); Mineka, John (L); Rivera, Alberto (NYCCT); Sanchez, George (CSI); Segal, Jacob (KCC); Thelusma, Emmanuel (COC); Tuminaro, Dominick (COC)

Staff:

Alladin, F.	Brill, D.	Graf, B.	Pfordresher, K.	Vandenburgh, J.
Bell, D.	Cheng, I.	Lasher, R.	Rasiotis, S.	Zauderer, N.
Bergen, D.	Clark, F.	Magalhaes, A.	Reilly, A.	
Black, A.	Gergely, J.	Munoz, A.	Rosato, D.	

- I. Approvals
- A. Agenda
- Motion to accept the agenda was approved.** (Motion: R. Cermele; second: I. DeLutro)
- B. Minutes – Several sets of minutes will be emailed.
- II. President’s Report and Discussion – B. Bowen
- DA Committees
 

**Motion to nominate and elect the following members of the Library Faculty Committee was approved: Lisa Ellis, Robert Farrell, William Gargan, Mariana Regalado, Sharon Swacker, Teresa Tobin, Elizabeth Tomkins, John Drobnicki, Francine Egger-Sider.** (Motion: Executive Council)

**Motion to nominate and elect the following members of the Part-Time Faculty Committee was approved: Katie Albany, Pat Belcon, Tom Burgess, Holly Clarke, Susan DiRaimo, Arlene Geiger, Anthony Gronowicz, Eileen Kennedy, Marcia Newfield, Elizabeth Olana, Ruben Rangel, Frank Riley, Jr., William Rooney, Michael Seitz, Michael Vozick, George Walters, Steve Weisblatt.** (Motion: Executive Council)
  - Proposed Changes to Election Rules
 

**Motion to delete “the signature of the nominee(s) and” from the last sentence of Section III A. 4. (The Nominating Process) of the Election Rules was approved.** (Motion: E. Moran; Second: S. Sheidlower)

**Motion to add a new paragraph #5 to VI C. (Vacancies – Chapters) of the Election Rules: “If a chapter chair is temporarily unable to fulfill his/her duties for a continuous period of more than one year, then the position is considered vacant, and the rules for filling a vacancy shall apply” was approved.** (Motion: E. Leites; Second: H. Meltzer)

**Motion to add the phrase “a declaration of candidacy and” to the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence of Section VIII A. (Slates) of the Election Rules was approved.** (Motion: S. Sheidlower; Second: D. Kotelchuck)
  - Bill DeBlasio has committed to increase CUNY funding by \$150 million annually. There are 152 municipal unions, including PSC, without a contract.
  - PSC is preparing to bargain now on non-economic issues and to move on economics after January 1. The current priority non-economic issues are adjunct job security and educational technology.
  - Late payments for adjuncts - PSC is pressuring CUNY to make the timely payment of adjuncts a much higher priority.
  - PSC has embarked on a CUNY-wide petition campaign to change the new HEO and CLT timesheets.
  - Pathways – Oral arguments were presented on the motion to dismiss the lawsuit.
  - EC actions: Still forming the committee on militarization of CUNY. (Anyone who would like to nominate themselves or someone else, should contact Ida Cheng.) A resolution on the Brooklyn College Graduate Center for Worker Education did not pass.

III. Administrative Action Items

A. Treasurer's Report – M. Fabricant

- Monthly Financial Report – September

Summary of Financial Report for September 2013

Income: \$1,429,000                      Expenses: \$1,382,000                      Surplus: \$47,000

**Year-to-date (1 month)**

The October 2013 financial report will reflect the 2013-2014 approved budget. During the month of September, total income was 1,429,000. Total expenditures amounted to \$1,382,000 resulting in a one-month surplus of \$47,000. There was little or no spending activity in various categories. Similarly, under the income section, accruals in certain categories were not yet recorded as of the first month of the new fiscal period.

**Motion to accept the September financial report was approved.** (Motion: R. Cermele; second: S. Sheidlower)

B. Executive Director's Report – D. Bell

This month the Elections Committee certified the results of the rerun CSI chapter election:

Chapter Chair: George Sanchez; Vice Chair: John Lawrence; Secretary: William Smith;

Officers at large: Beatriz Reinhardt, Mohamed Yousef, Richard Flanagan, John Arena;

Delegates: Jane Marcus-Delgado, Catherine Lavender, Nelly Tournaki, Richard Powers, David Kritt, David Keberle; Alternate Delegates: Ying Zhu, Irving Robbins, Jonathan Peters, Carol Hartman, Charles Thomas; WF Rep: John Verzani, Donna Scimeca.

The nominating petitions for the Bronx EOC were also certified. Ballots were mailed out 11/3.

**Motion to approve the Elections Committee report was approved.** (Motion: J. Gallagher; Second: M. Balmuth)

IV. Reports and Action Items

A. Proposed RF Settlement

**Motion to recommend ratification of the proposed RF settlement was approved.** (Motion: I. DeLutro; second; R. Cermele)

B. Draft CUNY Policy on Expressive Conduct

**Motion to adopt the PSC Statement on Draft CUNY Policy on "Expressive Conduct" was approved with the addition of a whereas clause yet to be written on CUNY's history of repression, including reference to the apology for Rapp-Coudert.** (Motion: Principal Officers)

**Resolved, that the PSC asserts that as a university founded as the result of dissent, and a university some of whose colleges have been saved only through demonstration and protest, CUNY should uphold the *highest* standards for freedom of speech and assembly; and**

**Resolved, that the PSC asserts that universities, as institutions devoted not just to the transmission of knowledge but to the creation of new knowledge, are inherently places of exploration, creativity, debate, dissent, and, sometimes, protest; and**

**Resolved, that the PSC takes very seriously the University's responsibility to maintain a safe environment for all who work and study at CUNY, but holds that safety can be maintained without stamping out protest and chilling dissent; and**

**Resolved that the PSC demands that the University Administration withdraw from any future consideration by the Board of Trustees the proposed "Policy on Expressive Conduct"; and**

**Resolved, that, until such policy is withdrawn, the PSC demands that the University Administration bargain collectively with the PSC over the impact of the current proposed policy on "Expressive Conduct" and any successor draft that may be issued; and**

**Resolved, that the PSC calls on the University Administration to acknowledge, through policy and conduct, that if CUNY is to be an intellectually vibrant university and is to serve the true interests of its students, it must recognize that "expressive conduct" is not a danger to be confined to narrow limits, but is, rather, an essential part of university life.**

V. Old Business - None

VI. New Business

Brooklyn College Graduate Center for Worker Education – After discussion by delegates and guests, it was agreed that the union will bring together members with different views to develop a unified position.

IV. Reports and Action Items (cont'd)

C. NYC and NY State Election Results – S. London

S. London reported that our endorsed candidates won for mayor, public advocate, controller and 39 city council seats. There is still much work to be done to hold these candidates accountable to our agenda.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \$300 was raised among delegates for Philippine typhoon relief.

VII. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM was approved.** (Motion: S. Levine)