PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly
Draft Minutes: April 10, 2014

Present:

BATSON     EC   DICK   BXCC   JOHN   H
BOWEN      EC   BARNETT  C   BARNHART  KCC
BRANDON    EC   FEIGENBERG  C   ROONEY   KCC
BUCHSBAUM  EC   MCDONALD  C   COOGAN   LGCC
CERMELE    EC   JEU      CLT   LYNCH   LGCC
DELUTRO    EC   MCINTYRE  CLT   SHEN    LGCC
DIRAIMO    EC   SHERMAN   CLT   ALBANY   NYCT
FABRICANT  EC   LAVENDER  CSI   MASON   NYCT
FRIEDHEIM  EC   PETERS   CSI   VEY     NYCT
FRIEDMAN   EC   SANCHEZ  CSI   EISENSTEIN  Q
LONDON     EC   AGATHOCLEOUS  H   ENGLISH  Q
MORAN      EC   JOHN     H   MUKHERJEE  Q
NEWFIELD   EC   MIRER    H   SANUDO   Q
PERSINGER  EC   BERNARDINI  HCC   ZEVIN   Q
VASQUEZ    EC   BRENnan  HEO   BARBANEL  QCC
VAZQUEZ    EC   CHITTY    HEO   BORRACHERO  QCC
WASHINGTON EC   DONey   HEO   SINCLAIR  QCC
ESTEY      B   NELSON   HEO   STARK    QCC
WILLS      B   RIVERS   HEO   HYLAND   RET
PETERSEN   BAR   WEEKES   HEO   KOTELCHUCK  RET
WHARTON    BEOC   WINTER   HEO   LEBERSTEIN  RET
FREAS      BMCC  WU     HEO   MCCALL   RET
GRONOWICZ  BMCC  BORNSTEIN  JJ   PERLSTEIN  RET
LEVY       BMCC  MAJUMDAR  JJ   CLINE   Y
MELTZER    BMCC  MAMELI   JJ   FRANK    Y
MOORMAN    BMCC  PITTMAN  JJ   SHEIDLOWER  Y
OFFENHOLLEY BMCC  AGATHOCLEOUS  H

Guests:

Harry Cason (CSI); John Lawrence (CSI)

Staff:

Ahmad, S.  Bergen, D.  Clark, F.  Herst, J.  Reilly, A.
Alladin, F. Black, A.  Gabriel, B.  Hogness, P.  Rosato, D.
Bell, D.  Brill, D.  Gergely, J.  Magalhaes, A.  Vandenburgh, J.
Cheng, I.  Graf, B.  Rasiotis, S.  Zwiebach, P.

I. Approvals
A. Agenda

Motion to accept the proposed agenda was approved. (Motion: T. Gronowicz; second: A. Sherman)
B. Minutes

Motion to accept the draft minutes with the addition of Delegate H. Meltzer (BMCC) as present was approved. (Motion: A. Sherman; second: M. Ally)

II. Administrative Reports and Action Items

A. Treasurer’s Report – M. Fabricant

Monthly Financial Report – February

Summary of Financial Report for the month:
Income: $1,393,000 Expenses: $1,420,000 Deficit: ($27,000)

Summary for the year-to-date (6 months)
Income: $8,660,000 Expenses: $8,963,000 Deficit: ($303,000)

A $174,000 deficit was budgeted for five months. Over six months, the union spent $43,000 more in expenses than budgeted and received $86,000 less income than anticipated. This resulted in an unfavorable bottom line of $129,000.

Motion to accept the February financial report was approved. (Motion: R. Cermel; second: A. Sherman)

B. Executive Director’s Report – D. Bell

- Chapter Elections – Ballots are due back April 29 and will be counted April 30. Ballots in the one contested election will be counted by True Ballot in NYC but not in the PSC Office, in response to Delegates’ concerns.
- DA Schedule – The next 2 meetings are May 29 and June 19
- Thanks to Delegates who worked at the NYSUT RA: G. Kissack & A. Feigenberg, Credentials Committee, A. Baldwin-Jones, Teller, and A. Pearlman, Sgt-at-Arms
- Two Organizers will be leaving PSC in the next 2 weeks, John Gergely and Jonathan Vandernburgh, both of whom have accepted positions that build on their work at the PSC; the union is grateful for their hard work with members.
- May Day Rally – May 1st at City Hall at 5 PM sponsored by a coalition of labor rights, jobs, and immigrant rights groups; an opportunity for PSC members to protest the lack of a contract and a special focus on low-wage workers, including adjuncts.

III. Reports and Action Items

A. Outreach to Members—M. Fabricant

- CUNYfirst: PSC is convening a task force to identify categories of problems CUNYfirst has created for members and students; asking delegates to urge members to submit stories through PSC website. PSC has submitted a FOIL request for costs to CUNY associated with CUNYfirst.
- Pathways: Congratulations to the PSC chapter at Brooklyn College for organizing faculty to attend and vote at a Stated Meeting to call on the college administration to abide by faculty decisions on the college General Education curriculum.
PSC is seeking to develop an assessment of Pathways, as it is clear the University is not doing so. Fabricant described the union's campaign to learn from members about the effect of Pathways on our students' education.

B. Legislative Report—S. London

CUNY at the Council is May 7th; members and students will lobby councilmembers to be advocates for CUNY.

The State budget deliberations are complete; overall, the Governor’s austerity framework prevailed. It includes $43.5 M in new funding for CUNY (not enough for “maintenance of effort”) and $60.8 M in tuition increases, part of which will have to be used for maintenance of effort rather than new spending, which is not consistent with the “Compact.” Community college base aid was increased, as was TAP spending.

Assemblywoman D. Glick is pushing a bill to delay implementation of edTPA by a year.

C. Report on Brooklyn College Faculty Vote – K. Estey & J. Wilks

The faculty vote to support rewriting the college’s general education curriculum was overwhelming: 298 Yes, 9 No, 18 Abstain. An intensive outreach and organizing by the chapter, with help from the union’s organizing staff, was critical in achieving more than a quorum at the Stated Meeting (the highest policy-making body of the faculty) in attendance and a positive vote. This success is the result of work by the chapter with the Faculty Council over several years.

IV. President’s Report and Discussion – B. Bowen

- HEO/CLT Timesheet Campaign – Chapter leaders presented petitions with more than 2,500 signatures to Interim Chancellor Kelly; the result of hundreds of one-on-one conversations and union-wide support. CUNY management has begun to respond by accepting some changes in the timesheet.

- University of Illinois-Chicago – Faculty are considering a strike in response to the ongoing failure of their administration to bargain in good faith. Delegate J. Buchsbaum read a statement from the UI-C faculty.

Motion to update PSC Resolution in Support of Faculty at UI-C passed earlier this year and affirm PSC's continuing support approved. (Motion: I. DeLutro; second: G. Brandon)

- Mayday 5K is an initiative arising from colleagues at SUNY to demand a decent level of compensation for adjuncts. The PSC EC voted to endorse the campaign and include it as a focus for the union’s May Day mobilization.

- Ad Hoc Committee on Militarization at CUNY – Last month the Committee distributed, for information, a draft resolution on ROTC at CUNY. The EC is working with the Committee on revisions before bringing it to the DA.

- NYSUT RA – 48 PSC delegates attended. A new NYSUT leadership was elected, and all the PSC’s resolutions were approved. PSC leaders expect that public higher education issues will get additional support from NYSUT as a result of the leadership change.
• Update on Bargaining – Bowen updated delegates on City bargaining and the challenge created by the Bloomberg administration, as well as the PSC’s discussions with CUNY management on a new adjunct job security proposal.

V. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was approved.  (Motion: I. DeLutro)