

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	SHEIDLLOWER	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)
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Summary for the year-to-date (6 months)

Income: \$8,660,000	Expenses: \$8,963,000	Deficit: (\$303,000)
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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. Cermele; 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 Vandenburg, 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)