

PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly
 Draft Minutes: September 19, 2013

Present:

Delegates:

BOWEN	EC	STEINBERG	HCC	HATCHETTE	MEOC
BRANDON	EC	BARRERA	HEO	ALBANY	NYCT
BUCHSBAUM	EC	BRENNAN	HEO	DOUGLAS	NYCT
CERMELE	EC	CARAGIULO	HEO	LANSIQUOT	NYCT
COHEN	EC	CHITTY	HEO	MACDONALD	NYCT
DELUTRO	EC	DONEY	HEO	MASON	NYCT
DESOLA	EC	GALLAGHER	HEO	VEY	NYCT
DIRAIMO	EC	LEVINE	HEO	EISENSTEIN	Q
FABRICANT	EC	NELSON	HEO	ZEVIN	Q
FRIEDHEIM	EC	ROBERTS	HEO	BARBANEL	QCC
FRIEDMAN	EC	WINTER	HEO	BORRACHERO	QCC
HATCHETT	EC	BORNSTEIN	JJ	CESARANO	QCC
LONDON	EC	CLARKE	JJ	CUTRONE	QCC
MORAN	EC	MAMELI	JJ	LAU	QCC
NEWFIELD	EC	PITTMAN	JJ	MESSIER	QCC
PANAYOTAKIS	EC	CALLY	KCC	SINCLAIR	QCC
PEARLMAN	EC	DILL	KCC	STARK	QCC
PERSINGER	EC	ROONEY	KCC	ZINGER	QCC
PIMENTEL	EC	HYMAN	L	BALMUTH	RET
VASQUEZ	EC	COOGAN	LGCC	GREENBAUM	RET
VAZQUEZ	EC	EGGER-SIDER	LGCC	HYLAND	RET
WASHINGTON	EC	LYNCH	LGCC	KOTELCHUCK	RET
AGATHOCLEOUS	H	BURGESS	MCC	LEBERSTEIN	RET
ANGOTTI	H	MOORMAN	MCC	MCCALL	RET
JOHN	H	CRAWFORD	ME	PERLSTEIN	RET
MIRER	H	BERRY	MEOC	VILLAFANE	RET
PERNA	H			SHEIDLLOWER	Y

Guests:

Harry Cason (Ret); Denise Ford (City); Vasilios Petratos (CSI); Jacob Segal (KCC); Tafadar Sourov (City); Alia Tyner (Guttman); Rachel Youens (LGCC)

Staff:

Alladin, F.	Cheng, I.	Graf, B.	Lasher, R.	Reilly, A.
Bell, D.	Clark, F.	Herst, J.	Magalhaes, A.	Rosato, D.
Bergen, D.	Gabriel, B.	Hogness, P.	Munoz, A.	Vandenburgh, J.
Black, A.	Gergely, J.	Hughes, S.	Pfordresher, K.	Zauderer, N.
				Zwiebach, P.

- I. Approvals
 - A. Agenda
 - Motion to accept the agenda was approved.** (Motion: R. Cermele; second: A. Pearlman)
 - B. Minutes
 - Motion to accept the minutes was approved.** (Motion: S. Sheidlower; second: A. Sherman)

- II. Administrative Action Items
 - A. Treasurer’s Report – M. Fabricant
 - Monthly Financial Report – April – July
 - Summary of Financial Report for April 2013
Income: \$1,514,000 Expenses: \$1,424,000 Surplus: \$90,000
Year-to-date (8 months)
Income: \$11,168,000 Expenses: \$11,074,000 Surplus: \$94,000
 - Summary of Financial Report for May 2013
Income: \$1,287,000 Expenses: \$1,573,000 Deficit: (\$286,000)
Year-to-date (9 months)
Income: \$12,455,000 Expenses: \$12,648,000 Deficit: (\$193,000)
 - Summary of Financial Report for June 2013
Income: \$1,355,000 Expenses: \$1,373,000 Deficit: (\$18,000)
Year-to-date (10 months)
Income: \$13,811,000 Expenses: \$14,022,000 Deficit: (\$211,000)
 - Summary of Financial Report for July 2013
Income: \$1,310,000 Expenses: \$1,522,000 Deficit: (\$212,000)
Year-to-date (11 months)
Income: \$15,119,000 Expenses: \$15,543,000 Deficit: (\$424,000)

 - Motion to accept the April through July financial reports was approved.** (Motion: I. DeLutro; second: R. Cermele)
 - Proposed 2013-2014 PSC Budget
The proposed 2013-2014 budget has a projected deficit of \$386,000 (larger than last year’s projected deficit) due to increased dues to affiliates, allocation of funds to hire up to 2 new staff, including a higher education policy researcher, and increased funding for campaigns and various outside research projects. The proposed budget will be voted on at the next DA.
 - B. Executive Director’s Report – D. Bell
 - Two policies approved in December 2009, which cover elected union officials, will be emailed to you—the Whistleblower Policy and the Conflict of Interest policy. Delegates are encouraged to read them, because they are covered by them.
 - Elections Committee Report
The Elections Committee has scheduled a special election for the Brooklyn EOC. The schedule is as follows:
October 1 – Declaration of Candidacy available
October 7 – Deadline for filing Declaration of Candidacy
October 11 – Pre-printed Nominating Petitions available

November 11 – Nominating Petitions due

November 13 – Ballots mailed

December 5 – Ballots due

December 6 – Ballots counted

The Committee also set the schedule for the spring chapter elections. The chapters that will have elections are Baruch, BCC, Brooklyn, City College, CLTs, Central Office, Graduate School, Hostos, Hunter, John Jay, LaGuardia, Queens, York and Guttman CC.

The schedule is as follows:

December 2 – Declaration of candidacy forms available

January 6 – Deadline for filing Declaration of Candidacy forms

January 31 – Pre-printed nominating petitions are available.

March 3 – Nominating petitions due

March 17 – Replacement petitions due (if necessary)

April 1 – Ballots mailed

April 29 – Ballots due

April 30 – Ballots counted

Those who are members as of December 1 will be eligible to vote in the election.

Motion to accept this portion of the elections committee report was approved.

(Motion: F. Pimentel; second: J. Gallagher)

Since there was no quorum at the June DA to accept the elections committee report on the chapter election at CSI, it is being presented again. Due to irregularities in the campaign that could have affected the outcome, the committee recommends rerunning the election in October. Only the candidates who ran in April may run. Candidates who request to withdraw may do so. Candidates who are ineligible to run will be removed from the ballot.

October 1 – mailing of the ballots

October 24 – ballots due at AAA at 5 PM

October 25 – ballots counted at 10 AM

Motion to accept the elections committee report on the CSI election was approved.

(Motion: S. Vey; second: L. Cohen)

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

- Pres. Bowen reported that Shop Rite workers in upstate NY wrote to thank PSC for support in their winning a contract settlement.
- Jean Anyon, former chapter chair at the Graduate Center, has passed away. Bowen recited the titles of her books and led a round of applause for her life's work.
- Members at the Research Foundation Central Office engaged in a one-day strike on July 1.
- PSC had more than 200 people attend the 50th Anniversary March on Washington.

- Bill de Blasio, the candidate PSC endorsed for mayor, won the primary. PSC was the only public sector union that endorsed him. He is advocating increasing the city's funding of CUNY by 58%.
- At the September 30 Board of Trustees meeting, PSC will protest the Board's failure to acknowledge the 92% No Confidence in Pathways vote and take a stand against an austerity contract. PSC and CUNY will begin bargaining on key non-economic demands this semester.
- M. Fabricant reported on the organizing for the September 30 event and encouraged every delegate to be present and bring other members with them.
- B. Bowen reported that six people were arrested in a police attack on a peaceful protest against the hiring of Petraeus. Two students spoke about their experience at the rally. The following resolution protesting the violent police response was presented.
We affirm the rights of students, faculty and staff to engage in peaceful protest against actions of the City University of New York. We call on the City of New York to drop all charges against the students. Further, we call on the CUNY Administration and Board of Trustees to join us in condemning the use of police violence against CUNY students engaged in peaceful protest and to take all necessary steps to ensure that students engaged in peaceful protest will not be met with police violence.

Motion to accept the "PSC Resolution in Protest of Violent Police Response to Peaceful Protest by CUNY Students" was approved. (Motion: B. Bowen; second: S. Sheidlower)

President Bowen will ask the EC to establish a committee on Militarization at CUNY to look seriously at the trends and develop proposed responses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IV. Reports and Action Items

A. Primary Election Results – S. London

S. London thanked members of the Legislation Committee, the PSC staff, and volunteers who called more than 1,600 members for making this victory possible. Tish James will be in a runoff for Public Advocate on October 1. It is important to redouble union efforts on her behalf in the next couple of weeks. PSC also endorsed 42 city council candidates, 32 won outright, 3 are still undecided, 3 were close calls, and 2 of our candidates lost. The PSC EC has since endorsed Helen Rosenthal, Corey Johnson and Laurie Cumbo for City Council and Gail Brewer for Manhattan Borough President.

B. Proposed Resolutions

Bowen announced that we no longer have a quorum. Two resolutions were to be considered: "In Support of New York's Fast Food Workers" and "Resolution to Protest the Presence of the War Criminal David Petraeus on the CUNY Faculty." The fast food resolution will be voted on electronically by the Executive Council. The Petraeus resolution would be out of order because Petraeus is in a represented title, and the resolution would violate the duty of fair representation.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

Resolution in Support of Striking Public Workers in Greece will go to the EC.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 PM was approved. (Motion: I. DeLutro)