# PSC Delegates Assembly February 9, 2021

NOTE: The DA meeting was conducted remotely, via Zoom webinar.

BATSON	EC	WHARTON	BEOC	COLON	HCC	WANGERIN	L	MAURO	QCC
BOWEN	EC	ARAM VEESER	C	STEINBERG	HCC	BEATY	LGCC	STARK	QCC
COHEN	EC	BALUN	C	BALLERINI	HEO	CLEARY	LGCC	CERMELE	RT
DAVIS	EC	BARNETT	C	BINK	HEO	CONNERS	LGCC	DISALVO	RT
DELUTRO	EC	KIDD	C	BOSKET	HEO	DURAND	LGCC	FRIEDHEIM	RT
DIEUDONNE	EC	STEMBERG	C	BROWN	HEO	SEO CARRERA-	LGCC	KISSACK	RT
DIRAIMO ELLIOTT-	EC	CARAGIULO	CCO	CHITTY	HEO	JUNCO	MCC	KOTELCHUCK	RT
NEGRI	EC	ABDALI	CLT	DEMPSTER	HEO	CREACO	MCC	MCCALL	RT
FABRICANT	EC	BATIZ	CLT	GALLAGHER GALLOWAY-	HEO	FREAS	MCC	MORAN	RT
GREENBAUM	EC	ELHAKEM	CLT	PERRY	HEO	GRONOWICZ	MCC	NELSON	RT
HATCHETT	EC	GIRGIS	CLT	JAGIELNICKA	HEO	HOFF	MCC	CHAUNG	RF
LEBERSTEIN	EC	GRUBER	CLT	LA MAR	HEO	HUTCHISON	MCC	JAMES	RFFU
LEWIS	EC	HERTZBERG	CLT	LEE	HEO	ISSERLES	MCC	ROTHSTEIN	RFFU
LONDON	EC	HINDLE	CLT	LUNA	HEO	JAMES	MCC	HANSEN	Y
MELTZER	EC	IRIGOYEN	CLT	MATOS	HEO	JOHNSTONE	MCC	HENRY	Y
PERSINGER	EC	PEREYRA	CLT	OKROSY	HEO	NAVARATNE	MCC	SALEK ASEFF	Y
SANCHEZ	EC	COPE	CSI	O'SHEA	HEO	OFFENHOLLEY	MCC	SHEIDLOWER	Y
SPEAR	EC	GARVEY	CSI	PATESTAS	HEO	ROBERTS	MCC		
SQUILLACOTE TYNER-	EC	KARACAS	CSI	PEREZ	HEO	SMALLWOOD	MCC		
MULLINGS	EC	LAWRENCE	CSI	SANTIAGO	HEO	SMART	MCC		
UTAKIS	EC	TOURNAKI	CSI	WAYLER	HEO	WALKER	MCC		
VASQUEZ	EC	BIANCHINO	GS	ZECHOWSKI	HEO	CRAWFORD	MEOC		
WINTER	EC	BLAIN	GS	BELCHER	JJ	CAMERON	MEOC		
BANK MUNOZ	В	DEVLIN	GS	CLARKE	JJ	ALMEIDA	NYCT		
JUHASZ	В	FOUNTAIN	GS	EPSTEIN	JJ	DOUGLAS	NYCT		
LAUTERBACH	В	GRASSMAN	GS	HOVEY	JJ	LANSIQUOT	NYCT		
MANLOW	В	HARAKAWA	GS	KANG	JJ	LOGUERCIO	NYCT		
NESS	В	KAGAN	GS	MARKOWITZ	JJ	MACDONALD	NYCT		
WILLS	В	NATOLI SHACTER-	GS	MOONEY	JJ	PANAYOTAKIS	NYCT		
CAPLAN	BAR	DECHABERT	GS	NARKUNAS	JJ	RUDDEN	NYCT		
CIOFFI	BAR	SHIRAZI	GS	PITTMAN	JJ	SHEPARD	NYCT		
DAVIS	BAR	TURNER	GS	SEXTON	JJ	BUCHSBAUM	Q		
DIGIROLAMO	BAR	WILSON	GS	CALLY	KCC	GENAO	Q		
GAFFNEY	BAR	BERUBE	Н	CUCCIA	KCC	GEORGE	Q		
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HERNANDEZ	BAR	CARTEI	H	FADEM	KCC	GERWIN	Q
WOLLMAN	BAR	DUDEK	Н	REPETTI	KCC	GUSKIN	Q
EDWARDS	BCC	GABOURY	Н	ROSSON	KCC	SHALKOWSKI	Q
GUISHARD	BCC	JOHN	Н	ALEXANDER	L	WEINGARTEN	Q
KOLOZI	BCC	KENIGSBERG	Н	AUSLANDER	L	CLINGAN	QCC
MARTINEZ	BCC	BERNARDINI	HCC	MELLEN	L	MANN	QCC

<b>Guests:</b>		Staff:
Kyle Cuordileone	NYCT	Faye Alladin
Amy Jeu	H	Deirdre Brill
Mustafa Kamal	Q	Fran Clark
Carol Lang	BCC	Bettina Damiani
Gerry Martini	GS	Brian Graf
Laura Meltzer	SLU	Jorge Guzman
Corrina Mullin	JJ	Janet Kwon
Nicodemus Nicoludis	s MCC	Kim Lashley
Evan Rothman	GS	Faye Moore
Francine Sanchez	SLU	Emma Powell
Nancy Silverman	GC	Sam Rasiotis
Tom Watters	В	Naomi Zauderer
Alex Wolf	BCC	Pete Zwiebach
Olivia Wood	GS	

# I. Approvals

Agenda

**MOTION: To accept the proposed agenda** (Motion: H. Meltzer; seconded)

#### **APPROVED**

Minutes

MOTION: To approve the January 21, 2021 DA Minutes, with two editorial corrections (Motion: J. Greenbaum; seconded) APPROVED

#### II. President's Report, Action Items and Discussion

• Action Item: Affirmation of Resolutions previously passed by PSC for Submission to NYSUT Representative Assembly

**MOTION:** To advance Resolution 1: "Full Divestment of New York State Public Pensions from Fossil Fuels" and Resolution 2: "Resolution in Support of Public Power" to NYSUT (Motion: previously passed by Delegate Assembly) **APPROVED** 

#### Full Divestment of New York State Public Pensions from Fossil Fuel

Resolved, that NYSUT urge NYSTRS and NYCTRS to protect public pensions and divest from all fossil fuel holdings in keeping with their fiduciary responsibility; and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT urge Comptroller DiNapoli to divest the NYS Common Retirement Fund he oversees from fossil fuels and consider investing in renewable energy, including community owned renewable power.

## **Resolution in Support of Public Power**

Be it resolved that:

NYSUT shall support efforts for public ownership of utilities in New York State and New York City, bringing New York the 100% renewable, democratically controlled, publicly owned energy system it needs.

NYSUT shall also support efforts to ensure that workers in the private energy sector in New York be supported in any transition to increased use of public power and be prioritized for unionized employment in NYPA.

NYSUT shall join the Public Power NY Coalition to bring the New York State energy system into public ownership and democratic control.

NYSUT shall network with other NYSUT chapters to build support for public power and shall encourage NYSUT to formally support this campaign.

When appropriate, the PSC shall include support for public power in its electoral questionnaires and advocate supportive positions in upcoming candidate endorsements.

NYSUT shall inform its locals how public power will facilitate achieving renewable energy goals for NYS.

**MOTION:** To advance Resolution 3: "Big Tech Threat to Academic Freedom" to NYSUT (Motion: previously passed by Delegate Assembly; updated) **APPROVED** 

Resolved, that that NYSUT unequivocally affirms its support for academic freedom in the context of online education and the accelerated privatization of platforms for teaching and learning; and

Resolved, that NYSUT affirms the call by PSC-CUNY and the AAUP for college and university administrators to take affirmative steps to safeguard academic freedom in its online learning platforms. These steps should include but not be limited to: public acknowledgment of the threat to academic freedom posed by the institution's reliance on private, third-party vendors; and review and renegotiation of contracts with Big Tech companies "to better protect the rights of faculty and students to engage with controversial ideas."

**MOTION:** To advance Resolution 4: "NYSUT Calls for Defunding the NYPD and Redirecting Resources to Education, Public Health and Other Community Needs" to NYSUT (Motion: previously passed by Delegate Assembly; updated)

**APPROVED** 

Resolved that NYSUT joins the PSC in calling on Mayor de Blasio and the New York City Council to defund the NYPD by reducing the NYPD budget by at least one billion dollars and reallocating the funds to resources that have been proven to support poor communities of color like public health, housing, education and youth employment programs;

Resolved that NYSUT demands transparency on how much funding New York City will cut from the NYPD's \$6 billion annual budget;

Resolved that NYSUT calls on Mayor de Blasio and the New York City Council to make the redirection of NYPD funds a first step in reimagining public safety in New York City and re- creating systems of public safety that would keep all New Yorkers safe;

Resolved that NYSUT calls on CUNY to refrain from requesting or approving NYPD presence on CUNY campuses in non-emergency situations and, additionally, revise its 1992 Memorandum of Understanding with the NYPD to eliminate all provisions permitting the NYPD on campus in non-emergency situations;

Resolved that NYSUT calls on the New York State AFL-CIO to urge the national AFL-CIO to end its affiliation with the International Union of Police Associations.

Action Item: Proposed Anti-Racism Committee Membership
MOTION: Approve list of proposed appointments for the committee,
including three co-chairs (Motion: Executive Council). Nominations
for additional members were made, and when accepted by the
nominee, were approved. The Committee members approved are
below; Committee Co-Chairs in boldface type.

#### **APPROVED**

First Name	Last Name	Title	Campus
Cindy	Bink	HEO Associate	City Tech
Rachel	Boccio	Assistant Professor	LAGCC
Stephen	Burghardt	Professor	Hunter
Frank	Deale	Professor	Law School
Myrlene	Dieudonne	HEO Associate	City Tech
Angeles	Donoso Macaya	Associate Professor	BMCC
Mike	Fabricant	Professor	Hunter
Johanna	Fernandez	Associate Professor	Baruch
Rulisa	Galloway-Perry	HEO	John Jay
Maya	Harakawa	Graduate Assistant	GC
Mobina	Hashmi	Assistant Professor	Brooklyn
David	Hatchett	Lecturer	Medgar
Ramona	Hernandez	Professor	City Tech

Amy	Jeu	CLT	Hunter
Lawrence	Johnson	<b>Assistant Professor</b>	Brooklyn
Nivedita	Majumdar	Associate Professor	John Jay
Cherisse	Mayers	Adjunct	Medgar
Cecelia	McCall	Retiree	Retiree
Annie	Ngana Mundeke	Adjunct Assistant Professor	City Tech
John	Pittman	Associate Professor	John Jay
Rhea	Rahman	Assistant Professor	Brooklyn
George Emilio	Sanchez	Professor	CSI
Crystal	Schloss-Allen	HEO Associate	Brooklyn
Young-Min	Seo	Adjunct Lecturer & NTA	LAGCC
Sharon	Utakis	Professor	BCC
Blanca	Vazquez	Retiree	Retiree
Felicia	Wharton	EOC Lecturer	BEOX

Action Item: Membership Retention Crisis Committee appointments
 MOTION: Approve list of proposed appointments for the committee
 (Motion: by the Executive Council)
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Nominations for additional members were made and approved, as follows:

Robert Balun	Cecelia McCall
Holly Clarke	Angel Martinez
Lizette Colon	Eileen Moran
Stuart Davis	Chris Natoli
Luke Elliott-Negri	Manny Ness
Zeke Finkelstein	Sharon Persinger
Zabby Hovey	Ramsey Scott
Amy Jeu	Young Min Seo
Boyda Johnstone	Rebecca Smart
Marc Kagan	Rosa Squillacote
Barry Lituchy	Pam Stemberg
Esther Debbie Louis	Ruth Wangerin

Action Item: Elections Committee appointments
 MOTION: Approve list of proposed appointments to the Elections

Committee (Motion: Executive Council)

**APPROVED** 

Kathleen Offenholley

(Chair) Erik Freas

Anthony Andrews Tony Gronowicz

Marcella Bencivenni Peter Kolozi

Marissa Moran Steve Leberstein

Marcia Newfield Cara Murray

Claudia Schacter-Dechabert John Pittman

Michael Spear Laura Tanenbaum

**Alternates** 

Adina Mulliken/HC-SW

Action Item: Library Faculty Committee appointments
 MOTION: Approve list of proposed appointments to the Library

Faculty Committee (Motion: Executive Council)

APPROVED.

Mariana Regalado/BC

(Chair) Linda Miles/HCC
James Watson/BCC Ellen Belcher/JJ

Jean Amaral/BMCCBetsy Tompkins/KBCCSharell Walker/BMCCSilvia Lin Hanick/LAGCCJoanna Thompson/BMCCYasmin Sokkar-Harker/Law

(NTA) Robert Farrell/LEH Sarah Cohn/CCNY Ben Franz/ME

Jonathan Cope/CSI
Alycia Sellie/GC
Roxanne Shirazi/GC
Meagan Lacy/GCC
Lisa Finder/HC
Nora Almeida/NYCCT
Nancy Foasberg/QC
Vikki C. Terrile/QCC
John Shriner/QCC
Scott Sheidlower/Y

• Update: PSC Campaigns and Bargaining Issues

• Joining the PSC phone-banking campaign

• Assistant to HEO and Lecturer equity increments

#### III. State Budget Advocacy

 Andrea Vásquez and Luke Elliott-Negri Launch of New Deal for CUNY

• Action Item: Proposed Endorsement

**MOTION:** To endorse Council Member Brad Lander for NYC Comptroller

(Motion: Executive Council)

APPROVED.

#### **IV.** Administrative Items

A. Treasurer's Report – Sharon Persinger

• Monthly Financial Report – December Income: \$1,517,000

Expenses: \$1,571,000 Deficit: (\$54,000)

# **Year to Date (4 months):**

Total Operating Income: \$6,657,000 Total Operating Expenses: \$6,717,000

Deficit: (\$60,000)

MOTION: To accept the December 2020 Treasurer's Report (Motion: S.

Sheidlower; seconded)

APPROVED.

• Report on stipends and reassigned time

B. Executive Director's Report – Dean Hubbard

PSC are currently searching for two new staff positions - an Organizer and a Director of Operations and Human Resources.

# **Elections Committee Report**

- I. At its meeting on January 21, 2021, the Elections Committee certified the following:
  - a. Hunter Special Election Results

Chairperson: Jennifer Gaboury
Vice-Chairperson: Tanya Agathocleous

**Delegates:** 

Tanya Agathocleous **Alternate Delegates:** Richard Bengloff Michael Berube (183) Matthew Devany Carmeline Cartei (183) Peter Dudek Tim Cusick (182) Stuart Kaufer (180) Jeremy Glick Tami Gold Michael Lewis (185) Daniel Hurewitz Martin Lucas (180) Sándor John Roberta Walker (185)

Jack Kenigsberg

Robyn Marasco Welfare Fund Advisory Council:

Erin Mayo-Adam Amy Jeu Rosa Squillacote Keith Okrosy

Christopher Stone

b. CLT Special Election Results

Chairperson: Jeanette Batiz (BxCC)

Vice-Chairperson: Sharif Elkahem (Lehman) Secretary: Luisa Hindle (LaGCC)

## Officers-at-Large:

Jacqueline Elliott (NYCCT) Orit Gruber (CSI) Amy Jeu (Hunter) Fitz Richardson (Medgar)

**Delegates:** Persio Pereyra (BxCC)

Syed Amir Abdali (City)

Sharif Elkahem (Lehman)

Alternate Delegates:

Varin Contraras (Hoste

Jacqueline Elliott (NYCCT)Karin Contreras (Hostos) (120)Habib Girgis (Lehman)Edward Coppola (Brooklyn) (122)Luisa Hindle (LaGCC)Orit Gruber (CSI) (121)

Pedro Irigoyen (QCC) Deborah Hertzberg (Brooklyn) (121)

c. Declaration of Candidacy Forms for the Executive Council, NYSUT/AFT delegates and AAUP delegates. The election is uncontested.

- II. Announcement of vacancy for a Part-Time Personnel Officer Nominations and elections to fill the vacancy will be made at the Delegate Assembly following the meeting at which the announcement is made. All those eligible to vote will be notified of the date of the nominations in the regular notice of the meeting.
- III. CSI Chapter Maureen Garvey became a delegate, replacing Cesar Arenas-Mena.
- IV. HEO Chapter Andrea Garnett-Lovell became, a delegate replacing Barbara Kopp.

**MOTION to accept Elections Committee report** (Motion: J. Epstein; seconded)

# **Motion carries**

C. Health and Safety Watchdogs Report

# V. Adjournment at 10pm

MOTION: to adjourn (Motion: I. DeLutro; seconded) APPROVED.