

PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly

Minutes: March 13, 2014

Present:

Delegates:

BATSON	EC	GRONOWICZ	BMCC	BERKE	LGCC
BOWEN	EC	MELTZER	BMCC	COOGAN	LGCC
BRANDON	EC	MOORMAN	BMCC	EGGER-SIDER	LGCC
BUCHSBAUM	EC	OFFENHOLLEY	BMCC	LYNCH	LGCC
CERMELE	EC	DICK	BXCC	SHEN	LGCC
DELUTRO	EC	WOLF	BXCC	FORD	MCC
DESOLA	EC	MUNOZ	BXOC	AWOLABI	ME
DIRAIMO	EC	BALDWIN-JONES	C	ALBANY	NYCT
FABRICANT	EC	FEIGENBERG	C	CUORDILEONE	NYCT
FRIEDHEIM	EC	GRAHAM	CLT	DOUGLAS	NYCT
FRIEDMAN	EC	JEU	CLT	MASON	NYCT
HATCHETT	EC	SHERMAN	CLT	VEY	NYCT
LONDON	EC	TOURNAKI	CSI	EISENSTEIN	Q
MORAN	EC	ANGOTTI	H	SANUDO	Q
NEWFIELD	EC	JOHN	H	ZEVIN	Q
PANAYOTAKIS	EC	BERNARDINI	HCC	BARBANEL	QCC
PERSINGER	EC	BINK	HEO	BORRACHERO	QCC
PIMENTEL	EC	BRENNAN	HEO	CESARANO	QCC
SPEAR	EC	DONEY	HEO	LAU	QCC
VASQUEZ	EC	NELSON	HEO	STARK	QCC
VAZQUEZ	EC	WINTER	HEO	ZINGER	QCC
WASHINGTON	EC	WU	HEO	BALMUTH	RET
WEISBLATT	EC	BORNSTEIN	JJ	GREENBAUM	RET
ESTEY	B	CLARKE	JJ	HYLAND	RET
GRASSMAN	B	MAMELI	JJ	KOTELCHUCK	RET
PETERSEN	BAR	BARNHART	KCC	MCCALL	RET
WHARTON	BECC	CALLY	KCC	PERLSTEIN	RET
ALLY	BMCC	ROONEY	KCC	CLINE	Y
CROCCO	BMCC	YARMISH	KCC	FRANK	Y
		PHILIPP	L	SHEIDLLOWER	Y

Guests:

John Lawrence (CSI); Ana White (H); August Wojtkiewicz (H)

Staff:

Alladin, F.	Cheng, I.	Hogness, P.	Rasiotis, S.	Young, P.
Bell, D.	Gabriel, B.	Magalhaes, A.	Reilly, A.	Zauderer, N.
Bergen, D.	Gergely, J.	Muñoz, A.	Vandenburgh, J.	Zwiebach, P.
Brill, D.	Graf, B.	Pfordresher, K.		

- I. Approvals
- A. Agenda
Motion to accept the agenda with the movement of the Treasurer’s Report above the President’s report was approved. (Motion: S. Sheidlower; second: F. Egger-Sider)
- B. Minutes
Motion to accept the Minutes was approved. (Motion: A. Sherman; second: M. Ally)
- III. Administrative Reports and Action Items
- A. Treasurer’s Report – M. Fabricant
 Monthly Financial Report – January
 Summary of Financial Report for the month:
 Income: \$1,443,000 Expenses: \$1,618,000 Deficit: (\$175,000)
 Summary for the year to date (5 months)
 Income: \$7,267,000 Expenses: \$7,540,000 Deficit: (\$273,000)
Year-to-date (5 months)
 A \$147,000 deficit was budgeted for five months. The financial statement shows an actual five-month deficit of \$273,000 when year-to-date expenditures are compared with year-to-date income. Over five months, we spent \$105,000 more in expenses than budgeted and received \$21,000 less income than anticipated. This resulted in an unfavorable bottom line of \$126,000.
Motion to accept the January financial report was approved. (Motion: A. Sherman; second: R. Cermele)
- II. President’s Report and Discussion – B. Bowen
- Giselde Camacho, a CUNY security guard, lost her life in the East Harlem building explosion; delegates remembered her with a moment of silence and a collection for her family.
 - HEO/CLT Timesheet Campaign – There are 2,500 signatures on the petition, 2/3 of the HEOs and CLTs from campuses where the new timesheet was implemented have signed; a majority have signed University-wide. Pres. Bowen thanked Iris DeLutro, Albert Sherman and the other activist leaders of the timesheet petition campaign. Every signature represents a conversation with a member. Discussions on the timesheets with CUNY management have resulted in some changes.
 - State budget –The proposed State budget includes tax cuts for banks and corporations. There will be a protest rally in Albany on March 20.
 - Update on Bargaining – The Labor Commissioner met with the municipal unions to discuss achieving savings in health costs. PSC economic bargaining has not begun, but the PSC bargaining team is deeply engaged in informal discussions with CUNY on non-economic issues that have resulted in the City Tech teaching load reduction and other gains outside the context of formal bargaining.
 - City Budget Proposal – PSC’s City budget testimony included a strong response to any proposed cuts for CUNY and argued for the importance of renewed investment at a moment

in which the Mayoral administration has rightly targeted inequality. The PSC testimony also made recommendations about how best to use the funds that de Blasio committed to invest in CUNY in his mayoral campaign.

- Pathways Hearing – The first hearing that the new City Council’s Higher Education Committee held was on Pathways. The judge hearing CUNY’s motion to dismiss PSC’s two legal cases against Pathways, filed jointly with UFS, ruled in favor of the University. The EC will consider an appeal and next steps. The most important fight against Pathways remains the work of members on the campuses, who are finding through their own experience that Pathways shortchanges students.

III. Administrative Reports and Action Items (cont’d)

B. Executive Director’s Report – D. Bell

Personnel items – Shomial Ahmad has been hired as Associate Editor for *Clarion*. April 2 is the last day for Adrienne DeRoss, PSC’s long-time receptionist, who is retiring.

Elections Committee report – The committee met today and certified the nominating petitions. The ballots will be mailed April 1 to members’ home addresses. If a ballot is not received by April 7, call the office. Ballots are due back on April 29. In the one contested election, the Elections Committee recommends using True Ballot rather than AAA in an effort to test a backup ballot-counting organization. True Ballot will bring the ballots to the PSC office to be counted separately from the rest of the ballots. Two delegates expressed concern about transporting the ballots and counting at the PSC office.

Motion to accept the committee’s recommendation to use True Ballot was approved.

(Motion: Elections Committee; Second: E. Moran)

Motion to accept the committee’s report was approved. (Motion: E. Moran; Second: I. DeLutro)

IV. Reports and Action Items

A. Resolution: Revised Resolution on CUNY Divestment from Fossil Fuel Companies

Motion to accept the Resolution on CUNY Divestment from Fossil Fuel Companies with an additional whereas to be added on the disproportionate impact of fossil fuels on the poorest and most vulnerable was approved. (Motion: A. Gronowicz on behalf of the International Committee)

Be it resolved, that the PSC-CUNY urges the CUNY Board of Trustees to divest CUNY long-term investment funds from the top 200 carbon-dioxide polluting fossil fuel companies, to freeze future investments in those companies, and to reinvest 5% of the long-term investment funds in companies promoting solutions to climate change; and

Be it further resolved, that the PSC-CUNY encourages its members to join the CUNY Divest campaign by supporting climate change forums and educational events on local CUNY campuses, and divestment resolutions in campus governance bodies.

Be it further resolved that the PSC join coalitions that are pressing the federal and state governments to (1) create job training centers for workers displaced in the fossil fuel industry and (2) increase subsidies for the creation of good-paying jobs in the clean energy sector.

B. Legislative Report – S. London

There have been some very good meetings on EdTPA in New York State.

London summarized the final stages of State budget negotiations. The State budget talks center on Cuomo's proposal to reduce taxes on the wealthy—losing hundreds of millions of dollars in income—and capping the increase in the State budget at 2%. Under the pressure of De Blasio's proposal for universal pre-k paid for by taxing those earning more than \$500 million, Cuomo proposed an inferior pre-k program, more charter schools, and vouchers for private schools funded by the state.

Moral Mondays will take place both in Albany and in NYC at the Governor's office. Maintaining and increasing funding for Higher Education will be one of the demands on March 20.

The Mayor has offered a very general preliminary budget for the city that includes slight reductions for CUNY.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

For information: Proposed Resolution to Oppose Institutionalization of ROTC at CUNY – presented by Lenny Dick and John Lawrence on behalf of the Militarization Committee – to be voted on at the next DA.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 PM was approved. (Motion: J. Greenbaum)