

PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly  
Draft Minutes: October 15, 2015

Present:

BATSON	EC	HUANG	C	FARRELL	L
BOWEN	EC	RENIQUE	C	PHILIPP	L
COHEN	EC	ABDALI	CLT	COOGAN	LGCC
COLON	EC	JEU	CLT	BURGESS	MCC
DELUTRO	EC	MCINTYRE	CLT	HUTCHISON	MCC
DICK	EC	RICHARDSON	CLT	KURTZ	MCC
DIRAIMO	EC	SHERMAN	CLT	MELTZER	MCC
FABRICANT	EC	LEWIS	H	MOORMAN	MCC
FEIGENBERG	EC	MIRER	H	OFFENHOLLEY	MCC
GRONOWICZ	EC	BENCIVENNI	HCC	ALBANY	NYCT
HATCHETT	EC	BINK	HEO	CERMELE	NYCT
LEBERSTEIN	EC	CARAGIULO	HEO	CUORDILEONE	NYCT
MAJUMDAR	EC	CHITTY	HEO	LANSIQUOT	NYCT
PEARLMAN	EC	CRUZ-EUSEBIO	HEO	PANAYOTAKIS	NYCT
PERSINGER	EC	DONEY	HEO	BUCHSBAUM	Q
SANCHEZ	EC	GALLAGHER	HEO	MUKHERJEE	Q
SPEAR	EC	IRONS	HEO	ZEVIN	Q
TYNER-MULLINGS	EC	MATOS	HEO	STARK	QCC
VASQUEZ	EC	NELSON	HEO	ZINGER	QCC
VAZQUEZ	EC	RIVERS	HEO	BALMUTH	RET
VITALE	EC	WINTER	HEO	FRIEDHEIM	RET
WASHINGTON	EC	WU	HEO	HYLAND	RET
GRASSMAN	B	CLARKE	JJ	KOTELCHUCK	RET
HASHMI	B	MAMELI	JJ	MCCALL	RET
WHARTON	BEOC	NELSON	JJ	PERLSTEIN	RET
MUNOZ	BXEOC	PITTMAN	JJ	FRANK	Y
BARNETT	C	CALLY	KCC	OLADIPO	Y
FORSYTHE	C	YARMISH	KCC	SHEIDLLOWER	Y

Guests:

Shakia Brown (ME), Tahir Butt (GS), Joseph Entin (B), Ernts Gracia (ME), Carole Harris (NYCT), Sarah Hughes (GS), Brittany Kaufman (B-Student), John Lawrence (CSI), Dominic Wetzel (KCC), Stan Wine (BAR)

Staff:

Ahmad, S.	Gabriel, B.	Munoz, A.	Stan, A.
Alladin, F.	Graf, B.	Paul, E.	Young, P.
Bell, D.	Herst, J.	Pfordresher, K.	Zauderer, N.
Brill, D.	Lasher, R.	Powell, E.	Zwiebach, P.
Cheng, I.	Lewis, S.	Rasiotis, S.	
Clark, F.	Magalhaes, A.	Rosato, D.	

**I. Approvals**

A. Agenda

**Motion to accept the proposed agenda with omitted attendees was approved.**  
(Motion: A. Pearlman; second: S. Sheidlower)

B. Minutes

**Motion to accept the September minutes was approved.** (Motion: R. Cermele;  
second: A. Feigenberg)

**II. Administrative Items (Part I)**

**A. Treasurer's Report – S. Persinger**

• **August Financial Statement**

Summary of Financial Report for August 2015

Income: \$1,514,000	Expenses: \$1,604,000	Deficit: (\$90,000)
---------------------	-----------------------	---------------------

**Year-to-date (12 months)**

Income: \$18,219,000	Expenses: \$18,523,000	Deficit: (\$304,000)
----------------------	------------------------	----------------------

A deficit of \$2,787,000 was budgeted for the 2014/15 budget year. The financial statement shows an actual 12-month deficit of \$304,000 when year-to-date expenditures are compared with year-to-date income. Over 12 months, PSC spent \$139,000 more in expenses than budgeted and received \$113,000 more income than anticipated, resulting in an unfavorable bottom line of \$26,000.

**Motion to accept the August financial report was approved.** (Motion: A. Sherman;  
second: S. Sheidlower)

• Approval of 2015-2016 Budget

Income: \$18,739,000	Expenses: \$18,826,000	Deficit: (\$87,000)
----------------------	------------------------	---------------------

**Motion to accept the proposed 2015-16 budget was approved.** (Motion: R.  
Cermele; second: I. DeLutro)

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

- B. Bowen reported that the October 1 action was very successful.
- There is no representative of labor on the chancellor's steering committee to develop a strategic plan for the 21<sup>st</sup> century ("21<sup>st</sup> Century CUNY"), but delegates are urged to comment and share ideas with the committee through their website.
- Contract Campaign – PSC leadership is finalizing plans for our November 4<sup>th</sup> action. The union is offering trainings in civil disobedience and direct action over the next couple of weeks.

- The Executive Council has voted to begin the process of planning for a strike authorization vote. This is not a strike. We are calling for a membership vote to authorize the Executive Council to call a strike, if necessary. We have not yet announced a date for the vote. There will be a fuller discussion of the vote at the mass meeting on November 19. The PSC Constitution has no provision on how to take a strike vote. The Executive Council could call a strike if they feel the union has exhausted all other means of gaining a fair contract, but has chosen to go to the members for authorization.

**Motion to support the Executive Council's decision to hold a strike authorization vote among the entire membership was accepted.** (Motion: M. Philipp; second: R. Cermele)

- Moment of silence observed in memory of John Mineka and ?
- Update on MOE Bill: CUNY/SUNY Student Postcard Campaign – M. Fabricant reported that, as part of a coalition with NYSUT, UUP and NYPIRG, PSC has committed to get CUNY students to sign 40,000 postcards, asking the governor to sign the maintenance of effort bill. This is to be a concerted effort between October 19 and October 30 while teaching CUNY in classrooms. Ask your colleagues to participate. Signed cards must be returned to PSC by November 6 and November 20. Chapter chairs will be responsible for distributing and collecting cards.

#### **IV. Administrative Items (Part 2)**

##### **B. Executive Director's Report – D. Bell**

- **Civil Disobedience Training** – Members can only participate in civil disobedience if they have gone through training with other PSC members. Training will be conducted from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on October 27, 28 and 29. Members will also be needed in support and rally roles for any direct action
- **Elections Committee** – The Elections Committee has certified the following new chapter chairs: John Pittman, chapter chair at John Jay, James Davis, chapter chair at Brooklyn, Luke Elliott-Negri, chapter chair at the Graduate Center, as well as alternate delegates at several campuses. Delegates will be asked to accept the report at the next DA.

#### **A-N-N-O-U-N-C-E-M-E-N-T-S**

##### **C. Old Business**

##### **D. New Business**

##### **E. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. was approved.** (Motion: R. Cermele)

