

PSC-CUNY Delegate Assembly  
Minutes: September 25, 2008

Present:

APPLEMAN	EC	DISALVO	BAR	ROSARIO-MORAN	CLT, ALT	YARMISH	KCC
BARKER	EC	HILL	BAR	DUNKEL	CO	MINEKA	LC
BOWEN	EC	HITCHCOCK	BAR	ANDERSON	HC	LYNCH	LGCC
CERMELE	EC	WINE	BAR	GOLD	HC	METTLER	LGCC
COHEN	EC	GRASSMAN	BC	GOLDBERG	HC	SHEN	LGCC
COLÓN	EC	DICK	BCC	JOHN	HC	CATAPANE	MEC
DESOLA	EC	MAZZATENTA	BCC	STEINBERG	HCC	BELCON	MEC, ALT
DIRAIMO	EC	MCDANIEL	BCC	HILTON-KITT	HEO	PANAYOTAKIS	NYCT
FABRICANT	EC	PRABHU	BCC	IRONS	HEO	DAVISON	QC
FRIEDMAN	EC	PERSINGER	BCC, ALT	MUCHITA	HEO	EISENSTEIN	QC
GILL	EC	HILL	BMCC	ORANGE	HEO	ENGLISH	QC
LONDON	EC	HUGHES	BMCC	PIERCE-ANYAN	HEO	LINDSKOOG	QC
JONAS	EC	MOORMAN	BMCC	RODRIGUEZ	HEO	PEKAR	QC
MENNA	EC	POST	BMCC	TAYLOR	HEO	SANUDO	QC
NEIMARK	EC	VOZICK	BMCC	WEISMAN	HEO	MATCOVSKY	REG
NEWFIELD	EC	RAUSHER	BMCC, ALT	MEDINA	HEO, ALT	BERGER	RET
OMALLEY	EC	VILLAFANE	BXOC	VASQUEZ	HEO, ALT	JUDD	RET
PERLSTEIN	EC	BARNETT	CC	BORNSTEIN	JJ	KOTELCHUCK	RET
ROMER	EC	HUANG	CC	MAMELI	JJ	SELTZER	RET
TRIMBOLI	EC	HUBBELL	CC	WILLIAMS	JJ	BALMUTH	RET, ALT
VITALE	EC	JOHNSON	CLT	MARKOWITZ	JJ, ALT	CLINE	YC
WALTERS	EC	MCINTYRE	CLT	BARNHART	KCC	FRANK	YC
WEEKES	EC	SHERMAN	CLT	ROONEY	KCC	WEISBLATT	YC

Staff:

AIKIN, CHRIS	GABRIEL, BARBARA	RAJENDRA, DANIA
ALLADIN, FAYE	HAMMAD, SABRINE	ROSATO, DIANA
BELL, DEBBIE	HOGNESS, PETER	SIMMONS, ALISA
BERGEN, DEBRA	MAGALHAES, AMANDA	WEISS, CLARISSA GILBERT
CRUZ, NICK	MUÑOZ, ALBERT	ZAUDERER, NAOMI
FREDERICK, KIAN	PFORDRESHER, KATE	ZWEIEACH, PETER
		LONG, JAMES (Intern)

Guests: William Tabb (QC), James Hoff (Ctr for Worker Ed), Eric Mendelssohn (YORK), Howard Meltzer (BMCC), Howard Pfanzer (JJ), Jolie Terrazas (BAR), Cecelia McCall (RET), Jennifer Gaboury (HC), Abe Walker (QC), Antonia Levy (QC)

I. Approval of the Agenda

**Motion to accept modified agenda – adding a 15-minute discussion of adjunct and graduate student concerns – was approved.** (Motion: Judd; second: Cermele)

II. Approval of the Minutes

**Motion to accept the June minutes was approved.** (Motion: O'Malley; second: Jonas)

III. Professor William Tabb offered an analysis of the current economic crisis and the implications of past and present fiscal policies, including the proposed federal “bailout” of the US finance sector. Delegates engaged in a discussion of his analysis and proposals.

#### IV. Reports

##### A. **President's Report:** B. Bowen

- NYC Central Labor Council held a rally today in lower Manhattan (at the behest of PSC and other unions) protesting passage of an unregulated federal bailout.
- The contract between PSC and CUNY was ratified by 93% of those who voted; a few issues still need to be finalized:
  - Doctoral student employee health insurance will begin at the start of the spring semester; PSC pressing for earlier start
  - NY State OK'd use of negotiated funds for parental leave benefit, so we will start meeting with CUNY to address the details next week.
  - The terms of the negotiated sick leave bank are still under discussion
  - PSC and CUNY need to conclude the Supplemental Agreement for EOC employees
  - PSC will press the MLC to continue discussions about adjuncts moving into the City Health Plan.
  - No firm news on dates of CUNY payment of retro moneys; CUNY has said they will be paid by December; date may be earlier
- Posters for the PSC Labor Goes to the Movies film series are available – anti-racism is the theme.
- The EC is discussing Strategic Priorities for PSC since we have the time and space to advance issues beyond those of the contract campaign – will report at next DA
- AFT has endorsed Obama for President; PSC doing outreach to union members in PA, a swing state.
  - PSC 1<sup>st</sup> VP Steve London reported that the PSC is participating in AFL-CIO member-to-member outreach to elect a Democrat and build labor's ability to make gains; asked delegates to participate in phone-banking – every night for next 4 weeks and go to PA 4 Saturdays in October; PSC will also be active in the 13<sup>th</sup> CD race (SI/Bklyn) to pick up another Democratic seat in Congress.

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

- Introduced new staff: Naomi Zauderer, Associate Executive Director, and Alisa Simmons, Organizer.
- Elections Committee Report:
  - Elections Committee certified the following:
    - Queensborough Community College: Judith Barbanel, elected Chapter Chair replacing Paul Weiss
    - York College: William Ashton, elected Secretary
    - Lehman College: Rosalind Carey, elected Officer-At-Large replacing Bruce Byland
    - Hostos Community College: Olga Steinberg-Neifach, moved up from Alternate to Delegate replacing Laura Kaplan (Alternate Delegate position will be filled at a chapter meeting)
  - Special Graduate Center Chapter Election – Fall 2008  
TIMELINE  
Nominating petitions available – 10/14  
Nomination petitions due at the PSC – 11/10  
Ballots mailed – 11/17  
Ballots due – 12/8  
Ballots counted – 12/9

**Motion to accept the Elections Committee Report was approved.** (Motion: Jonas; second: Sherman)

C. **Treasurer's Report:** M. Fabricant:

A summary Financial Statement for May, June, and July 2008 was presented:

Income: \$ 3,126,000; Expenditures: \$3,060,000; Surplus: \$ 66,000

Year-to-date Financial Statement (11 months):

Income: \$11,306,000; Expenditures: \$11,291,000; Surplus: \$ 15,000

**Motion to accept Treasurer's Report was approved.** (Motion: Fabricant; second: Romer)

The draft budget for 2008-09 was presented and discussed. Income growth reflects projection of modest increase in the bargaining unit and 10/08 4% salary increase. (Dues/fees revenue from retroactive pay will be accrued to the 2007-08 budget.) Fabricant discussed projected modest increases in expenditures. A proposal was raised from the floor concerning the resolution passed by the Committee of Part-time Personnel to double the expenditure on the current program of part-time faculty. Fabricant responded that there are a number of mobilization proposals to be considered by the EC and the Finance Committee. There will be a meeting at 5:30pm before the next DA for delegates to discuss the details of the final proposed budget.

VI. Topics

A. **Legislation Committee:** S. London

- Regarding government budgets, NY City announced a 2.5% funding cut for the rest of FY09 (through 7/30/09), which will be a 5% cut for FY10. State revenues will be badly hit by the finance sector crisis, so we expect Governor Patterson to seek more cuts to this and next years' budgets.
- The Legislation Committee is reorganizing to operate on a borough basis – seeking 50 activists per borough to reach out to elected officials locally to influence decision-making on CUNY and invite them to the campuses.
- Distributed CUNY Rising postcards for students, staff and community, as well as members, to sign; we want to collect up to 50,000 signed cards; we'll deliver them to the State Legislature at an appropriate time.

B. **Discussion of Adjunct and Graduate Employee Concerns**

Delegates spoke from the floor and listened to each other on issues and injustices faced by members in part-time and contingent positions.

C. **Announcements:**

- The Committee on Environmental Sustainability has renamed itself the Green Team and will meet at 4 PM on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, before the 6 PM meeting of the Health & Safety Watchdogs at the PSC Office.
- CUNY Social Forum will be held Oct 17-19 at CCNY

VI. Old Business – None

VII. New Business

- **Resolution to Support Striking BCTGM Local 50 Workers at Stella D’Oro:**  
**RESOLVED**, that the PSC support, through organizing, publicity and monetary support, the strike of BCTGM Local 50 workers at Stella D’Oro; and  
**RESOLVED**, that the PSC call for Stella D’Oro management to return to the table and bargain with BCTGM Local 50 in good faith; and  
**RESOLVED**, that the PSC encourage its members and CUNY students to attend a rally that BCTGM Local 50 will soon be calling.

**Motion to accept amended resolution was approved.** (Motion: Dick; second: Colón)

- Several motions were brought forward that were declared out of order by the Chair.

**Meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Arthurine DeSola  
Secretary