

PSC/CUNY Delegate Assembly
Minutes, April 17, 2008

Present:

ARONOWITZ	(EC)	BIDDLE	(BAR)	PETRATOS	(CSI)	DAVISON	(QC)
BARKER	(EC)	HITCHCOCK	(BAR)	PERNA	(HC)	GOODMAN	(QC)
BOWEN	(EC)	DICK	(BCC)	JOHN	(HC, ALT)	BARBANEL	(QCC)
BUCHSBAUM	(EC)	EGGERS	(BMCC)	PEÑA DE LLORENZ	(HCC)	LIEBERMAN	(QCC,ALT)
CERMELE	(EC)	MOORMAN	(BMCC)	BATIUK	(HEO)	PECORINO	(QCC)
COLÓN	(EC)	VOZICK	(BMCC)	IRONS	(HEO)	MATCOVSKY	(REG)
DESOLA	(EC)	YOUNG	(BMCC)	MUCHITA	(HEO)	BERGER	(RET)
FABRICANT	(EC)	VILLAFANE	(BX EOC)	RODRIGUEZ	(HEO)	JUDD	(RET)
JONAS	(EC)	BRANDON	(CC)	CLARKE	(JJ)	KOTELCHUCK	(RET)
LONDON	(EC)	JOHNSON	(CLT)	ROONEY	(KCC)	BALMUTH	(RET, ALT)
MENNA	(EC)	MENDLINGER	(CLT)	HALLIDAY	(LC)	LEBERSTEIN	(RET)
NEIMARK	(EC)	SHERMAN	(CLT)	CATAPANE	(MEC)	SELTZER	(RET, ALT)
PERLSTEIN	(EC)	DUNKEL	(CO)	STEWART	(MEC)	CLINE	(YORK)
TRIMBOLI	(EC)	CASON	(CSI)	PANAYOTAKIS	(MEC)	FRANK	(YORK)
WALTERS	(EC)	FLANAGAN	(CSI)	JAMES	(NYCCT)		

Staff:

D. Bell	C. Campos	P. Hogness
C. Aikin	N. Cruz	G. Howe
F. Alladin	K. Frederick	K. Pfordresher
D. Benz	B. Gabriel	D. Rosato

Guests: Anthony O'Brien, James Hoff, Michael Seitz, Abraham Walker, Stanley Wine,

I. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to accept the amended agenda (move item #4B to follow Treasurer's Report) **was approved** (Motion: S. Mendlinger; second: P. Jonas)

II. Approval of the Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes for February and for March was approved.
(Motion: G. Dunkel; second: P. Jonas)

III. Reports

A. **President's Report.** B. Bowen gave an oral report. Highlights:

- President Bowen asked new delegates and guests to introduce themselves.
- A written report was distributed.
- State budget was being finalized as union's campaign to defeat proposed cuts in City budget was beginning; State budget included new funds for CUNY's capital and maintenance budgets, but represented a cut in operating funds; PSC will be strategizing to try to change the terms of the debate on State funding for higher education; the Legislature did pass statutory language creating an endowment for CUNY and SUNY – source of funding not yet clear.
- The NYSUT Representative Assembly passed all of the resolutions proposed by the PSC, some with amendments. (chart distributed)

- NYSUT RA video about Bob Cermele, co-winner of NYSUT Higher Education Member of the Year award, was shown, as was NY1 report on rally for doctoral student health insurance.
- President Bowen acknowledged signs and flyers presented by the adjunct delegates and invited a representative to speak. Stan Wine presented the argument that the gap between full-time and part-time salary rates should not widen further as the result of percentage-based contractual increases.

B. Treasurer's Report. M. Fabricant

Financial Statement for February 2008:

Income: \$971,000; Expenditures: \$1,261,000; Deficit: (\$290,000)

Year-to-date: (6 months):

Income: \$6,283,000; Expenditures: \$6,109,000; Surplus: \$174,000

Deficit for February because of 3 affiliate dues payments to NYSUT/AFT during the month and negative variance on legal consultant expenses.

Motion to receive Treasurer's Report was approved. (Motion: P. Jonas; second: S. Trimboli)

IV. Topics

A. Contract campaign:

- Contract week activity – reports from Hostos, COSI, LaGuardia, NYCCT, John Jay, Queens, Medgar Evers, Baruch, BCC, York and City.
- End-of-Semester Activities: 1) CUNY BOT meeting at Baruch 4/28/08 at 4 PM – need to convey sense of urgency to Trustees about the need for a good contract, 2) tentative hearing on issues/problems related to CUNY's noncompetitive salaries; 3) other activities as bargaining develops toward final stages – plan is to keep pressure on.

V. Reports

D. **Executive Director's Report.** D. Bell

- The Executive Committee certified the election of Rebecca Hill as chapter chair at BMCC because Jane Young is retiring at the end of the semester.
- There will be an election for Alternate Delegate in the Retirees Chapter; ballots will be mailed May 12th, due back June 5th, counted June 6th.
- Ballots in chapter elections are due back April 28th and will be counted April 29th; petitions for AAUP Delegate candidates due April 21st, ballots will be mailed May 12th, are due back June 2nd, will be counted June 3rd.

Motion to accept the Elections Committee report was approved. (Motion: S. London, second: G. Brandon)

Motion to thank Jane Young for her service to the union and exceptional work as chapter chair was approved unanimously. (Motion: B. Bowen, second: S. Leberstein)

VI. Topics

B. Steve London reported briefly on collection of “CUNY Rising” postcards and plans for CUNY at the Council on May 7th at 1 PM. He asked all delegates to attend and send email letters through Act Now.

C. AFT Resolutions:

Motion to put forward 6 of the resolutions that PSC took to the NYSUT RA with minor editorial changes (Paid Parental Leave; Against Permanent and Pre-emptive War; Oppose Expansion of War to Iran; Solidarity with Peruvian Teachers; Defend the Jena 6; Sustainable Energy Policy) (Motion: B. Bowen; second: A. DeSola) **was amended to exclude resolution on Paid Parental Leave for more substantive revisions and was approved.** (Motion to amend: H. Clarke; second: J. Young)

Additional resolutions will be brought to the May DA.

Motion to adjourn was approved. (Motion: M. Fabricant; second: S. O’Malley)

Respectfully submitted,

Arthurine Desola
Secretary