

CUNY Adjuncts Unite!

→ Irwin Polishook, President,
Richard Boris, Vice-President
Frank Annunziato, Executive Director
Professional Staff Congress
25 W 43rd St
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Dear Irwin Polishook, Richard Boris, and Frank Annunziato:

I am writing on behalf of a new group of adjunct representatives from Baruch, BCC, BMCC, Brooklyn College, City College, Hunter, John Jay, New York City Technical College, Queens and York to request a meeting with you. There are a number of adjunct issues which we would like to talk about.

We would like to solve the problems the PSC has recording information about new members, arranging to have dues deducted from their paychecks, and putting them on the mailing list. We found that many adjuncts who joined the union before December did not receive ballots, although some of them did receive membership cards and mailings. Some have never had dues deducted from their paychecks. There are also problems when adjuncts move from one campus to another, as we frequently are forced to do.

We need more information about part-timers. We would like to know the number who are currently union members, and we would like to know a great deal more about ourselves.

We are also concerned about the lack of outreach to adjuncts. Many tell us they are unaware they can join the union, know little or nothing about their rights and benefits, and feel they are peripheral in the university, despite our overwhelming numbers and majority teaching role. This is true for adjuncts who teach nine or more credits a semester as well as for those who teach one course in the evening.

The situation of adjuncts cries out for strong union action.

I would appreciate a call at the number below so we can arrange a time to meet. The best time for us is the week of June 16 *one afternoon*.

In solidarity,

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