

Adjuncts

# Adjuncts Reject PSC Contract

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A group calling itself the Adjunct and Part Time Faculty Caucus has called for rejection of the recently negotiated contract between the Professional Staff Congress and the Board of Higher Education.

In "An Appeal to the Full Time Faculty," David Allen, chairman of the Caucus, stated that under the new contract, part time faculty would receive only a four per cent increase on their average \$4000 yearly salary. The increase, according to Allen, is less than the average cost of living increase, let alone that granted to the full time faculty. The adjuncts are also requesting that certain sections of the contract be renegotiated to include more of the full time faculty fringe benefits for part time personnel.

Aaron Alexander, chief spokesman for the PSC, was unhappy about the adjunct position. According to Alexander, "The union leaders are not happy about the gains for the adjuncts." He went on to explain



PSC President Belle Zeller

that negotiators for the PSC had to weigh the "pluses and minuses" of the Public Employees Relations Board (PERB) fact-finding report before deciding to accept it as it had been submitted.

### Zeller Visits Lehman

A meeting of the Lehman chapter of the PSC was convened this past Wednesday in Carman Hall to discuss various as-

pects of the proposed contract. Dr. Belle Zeller, President of the PSC, expressed confidence that the contract would be approved and that as a result the union would be strengthened. As it is presently constituted, the PSC is one of the strongest college faculty unions in the country and formal passage of the contract is expected to have a domino effect at other public universities.

### Student Rights Threatened

During the period of negotiation, the PSC had demanded that students be removed from all governance bodies throughout City University. The PSC later dropped this demand when the BHE insisted that the matter was not of the nature to be considered in a contract. While the currently proposed contract will remain as is, the PERB is expected to rule on whether the issue is negotiable for future contracts. According to BHE Vice Chancellor David Newton the BHE Bylaws will remain unaffected on matters of student participation in academic governance.

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