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COMMITTEE FOR P/T PERSONNEL SET UP

At the Delegate Assembly meeting on January 24 1974 PSC officially approved a Committee for Part-Time Instructional Staff. Those elected were the following: Bill Leicht, (BCC) Vice President for Part-Time Personnel, Chair; David Allen, (B) Sidney Cohen (L); Claude Campbell (SICC) Secretary of PSC; Christine DeMers (SICC); Stuart Elenko (BCC); Lester Garrett (H); Arlene Louis (SICC); Irwin Polishook (L) Vice President of PSC Alejandro Ramirez de Arellano (Q); Sumner Rosen (B) Member of PSC Central Grievance Committee; Martha Zebrowski (CCNY); Belle Zeller (B) President of PSC. Omitted by error was the name of Howard Negrin (JJ) who may be expected to be added at the next meeting of the Delegate Assembly in February.

The Committee for Part-Time Personnel, as many readers already know, has been acting as a pro-tem body during the last half year to initiate and support the interests of part-time personnel in many ways. We have been working on dues reduction, on possible medical insurance programs, on grievance and contract enforcement, and on increasing the level of representation of part-time personnel in the union.

Our committee now has a wide variety of backgrounds and interests. David Allen is Chairperson of the Adjunct Faculty Association (a membership organization of part-time CUNY personnel). Stuart Elenko teaches at Bronx High School of Science and was formerly a UFT Chapter Chairman there. Arlene Louis is a practicing psychotherapist and has had extensive grievance experience. Sidney Cohen is a professional writer and a member of the Executive Committee of Lehman College Senate. He also acts as the backup member of the PSC Negotiating Committee for Bill Leicht. Lester Garrett is a graduate student in Philosophy with extensive organizing experience. He is also a member of the part-time negotiating backup team and Secretary to the Adjunct Faculty Association.

Alejandro Ramirez de Arellano is a practicing psychotherapist. Sumner Rosen, Director of the Institute for Public Administration, is a professional arbitrator and chairperson of the Academic Freedom Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union. Martha Zebrowski is a political scientist and a member of the Negotiating Sub-committee on Adjunct and Part-Time Issues.

CONTRACT NEGOTIATION PREPARATIONS

Dr. Zeller, PSC President, convened the Negotiating Committee on Thursday, January 31, 1974 to begin preparations for the negotiations coming in one year from now. Parttimers do not need underlining to understand the importance of this work. Your team so far is made up of Bill Leicht, a member of the Negotiating Committee; Sidney Cohen, his backup; and Martha Zebrowski and Lester Garrett, research.

We need help in developing data for the negotiations. If you can help or can suggest someone else, please call Lester (765-7946) or Martha (864-1700 extension 1505).

Our negotiating strength depends on you now. If you become active in your chapter, run for office, AND VOTE we will be bargaining with the power you give us.

PART-TIME MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGINS

If a sizable percentage of us part-time personnel joined the union would our support of and claim on it be more convincing? Some of us believe so, and your vice-president has therefore drawn up a package of materials for enrolling part-time personnel.

These membership materials are in the hands of each Chapter Chairperson or his Membership Chairperson and will be distributed by them to the the department representatives in mid-February.

Please give your department "rep" or your Chapter Chairperson a call and offer to help him. An extra copy of this newsletter is enclosed for you to pass on to a prospective member or to post.

YOUR "PART-TIMER" NEEDS AN EDITOR

This newsletter must find an editor if you wish to continue to learn of events in the union which affect your job. Our previous editor resigned because of personal responsibilities and the vice-president simply cannot represent you on several key PSC committees and edit "The Part-Timer".

If you will help with the newsletter or will serve as its editor, please call Bill Leicht (884-8975) or Beryl Weinberg (354-2353).

MEETING, COMMITTEE ON P/T PERSONNEL

The next meeting of the Committee on Part-Time Personnel will be held on Thursday, March 14 at 3:00 p. m. at the local offices, Suite 620, 25 W. 43 St. The agenda will include a review of negotiation preparations, a proposal for a cross-campus unit for part-time personnel and a proposal for a contributory medical plan for part-time personnel.

CRITICIZES P/T VICE-PRESIDENT'S VIEWS

Dear Mr. Leicht:

I want to object strongly (as adjunct asst. prof. at Lehman) to the line taken in your first editorial for the PSC Adjuncts. The PSC negotiating [sic] team sold the adjuncts down the river in the last BHE round - a \$1.00 per hour raise spread over 3 years!! Really! 40% of CUNY staff are adjuncts & you're kidding yourself if you think the BHE will hire us full time. All they want is for us to teach the dog courses for cheap wages (max. \$4000/year) while "waiting" driving a taxi cab.

I for one am not marching in a picket line with full-time people until I see some positive sign the PSC is going to halt this type of exploitation by the BHE.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Stephen H. Plagemann
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[Editor's note: The writer's view is common among part-time personnel. It is also ultimately self-defeating. If we believe we are badly represented, we don't join PSC and vote on our representatives and they in turn owe nothing to us and may freely ignore our interests. I do see a "positive sign", however, in our representation on key committees and more good news is coming.]

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