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I'm Voting New Caucus Because...

“This is a team that does not buckle under pressure and comes up with out-of-the-box creative approaches to obtain faculty and staff needs. As a science and engineering representative, I greatly appreciate the advances made for released time for new faculty, the strong stand taken to increase support for sabbaticals, and willingness to bargain for the seven-year tenure clock.”

Shelly Weinbaum, CUNY Distinguished Prof. of Engineering, Elected member of all three U.S. National Academies: Science, Engineering, and Medicine

“As one of the members of the Welfare Advisory Council representing the Baruch College Chapter of the PSC, I have seen firsthand the professional manner with which the members of the New Caucus carry out their responsibilities. Their approach to the issues confronting the Fund is fiscally prudent and morally responsible.”

Terrence F. Martell, Saxe Distinguished Professor of Finance, Director, Weissman Center for International Business, Baruch College

“It is a pleasure and relief to work with the PSC leadership, who understand the importance of the electoral process. I see candidates for public office who once laughed at the PSC now come to see me and ask what they need to do for our support and endorsement.”

Ken Sherrill, Professor, Political Science, Hunter College

“Retirees are actively involved in the life of the union and are members of most, if not all, PSC committees. They gladly participated overwhelmingly in the contract campaign.”

Irwin Yellowitz, History Professor Emeritus, CCNY, and Chair PSC Retirees Chapter

“New Caucus leaders have been consistently responsive to the needs of junior faculty; fighting for more full-time faculty lines, sponsoring orientations and professional development workshops for new faculty and encouraging active participation in the union. The 12 hours of reassigned time in the last contract was a great breakthrough.”

Penelope Lewis, Instructor, Social Science Dept, BMCC

“The New Caucus leadership of the union negotiated the paid professional hour that benefits many adjuncts and added the three part-time representatives to the Executive Council. I also support their commitment to social justice.”

Wendy Scribner, Adjunct, English Dept, NYCCT

“Under the leadership of the New Caucus, the PSC is finally addressing the full range of HEO contributions to CUNY and the challenges we face in our daily working lives.”

Joshua Brown, Executive Director, American Social History Project/Center for Media and Learning, The Graduate Center

“The New Caucus is navigating us through very hostile anti-union waters. At Hostos, the New Caucus leadership of the PSC has played an absolutely crucial role in defending faculty and enforcing the contract.”

Norma Peña de Llorenz, Chapter Chair, Hostos

“Working as a grievance counselor both at Kingsborough CC and at the central office, I have been so impressed by the New Caucus leaders' dedication, intelligence, caring and imaginative hard work. They have totally supported the union's grievance work and won a number of important decisions. They have also staunchly defended the rights and benefits of retirees.”

Norah Chase, Retiree, KCC

“New Caucus leaders offered me a forum to advocate on behalf of CUNY faculty, staff and students of color. The Diversity Committee and the Executive Council planted the seeds that hopefully will grow through the increased participation of members of color at the local chapter level and in the leadership.”

Samuel Farrell, Lecturer, LaGuardia CC

“I support them because I believe in solidarity, standing with all members of the union: full-timers, part-timers, retirees, new hires, CLTs and HEOs. This union leadership has proven that they represent all of us not just a privileged few and will struggle against injustice in the workplace and in the world.”

Susan A. Farrell, Coordinator, Sociology Area, Co-Director, Women's Studies, KCC

“The leadership of the New Caucus has been energetic, vigorous, and savvy with a whole lot of integrity to boot. Now, more than ever, I see no reason why the union needs to change leadership.”

Frank Kirkland, Associate Professor, Philosophy, Hunter College

“The New Caucus leadership of the union has fought for the protection of academic freedom across the university when the right of faculty to speak their minds has been under attack across the country.”

Gerald Markowitz, Distinguished Professor of History, JJ and the Graduate Center.

“Through the PSC Legislation Committee, I have worked with dozens of City Council members and their staff on behalf of the PSC on issues related to higher education, civil rights. These activities have led to the passage of important pieces of legislation that improve the conditions of our lives and reflect PSC's political access and clout in City Hall.”

Ron Hayduk, Asst. Professor, Social Sciences, BMCC

“The New Caucus has set a place at the table for part-time faculty. We still have a ways to go, but now we have a fighting chance of winning our right to be treated as professionals and to have equity with our full-time colleagues.”

Vincent Tirelli, Adjunct, Political Science, Brooklyn College

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