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RE-ELECT THE NEW CAUCUS SLATE TO REPRESENT THE PSC TO OUR AAUP AFFILIATE

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Dear AAUP Member:

Shortly, you will receive a ballot from the American Arbitration Association for the election of the PSC representatives to the AAUP Annual Meeting and the AAUP Collective Bargaining Congress. (The AAUP ballot is in addition to the ballot you will receive for the CUNY-wide PSC election.) We are writing to ask for your continued support. Here is why we believe you should vote for the New Caucus candidates:

A Strong Record of Academic Freedom

Academic Freedom is AAUP's signature issue. The New Caucus-PSC leadership has worked hard to effectively promote academic freedom at CUNY.

- Initiated and successfully passed a resolution at the AAUP 2005 national Annual Meeting calling for the AAUP to monitor CUNY Administration's record on academic freedom.
- Initiated investigation by AAUP's Academic Freedom Committee of CUNY Administrations' practices infringing on the academic freedom of faculty, including incidents at Brooklyn College, John Jay College, and York College, and CUNY Administrations' practice of firing adjuncts without any due process protections. At York College, the AAUP commissioned an "ad-hoc investigation" of the summary dismissal of an adjunct professor, and the report, critical of CUNY Administration, was published in *Academe*.
- Successfully stopped Kingsborough Administration from censoring for political reasons faculty use of campus email.
- Supported Hunter College faculty in their fight to overturn a "climate of fear" on campus; including designing and administering a survey documenting the perception among faculty and HEOs of Hunter College Administration's use of intimidation.
- At Hostos and LaGuardia, full support given to PSC chapter officers to allow them unfettered access to campus email resources used routinely by others.
- At BMCC, the Administration attempted to prohibit PSC members from expressing their views about a student referendum to defund NYPIRG. The PSC sent a strong letter affirming our members' First Amendment rights and the BMCC Administration appears to have backed down.
- Successfully stopped the New York State Legislature from bringing to the floor for a vote the so-called "Academic Bill of Rights" which is an attack on the faculty's academic freedom.
- Established a PSC Academic Freedom Committee to promote academic freedom at CUNY.

A Strong Record Of Leadership In The National AAUP

- PSC leaders have played a key role in helping the AAUP and the AFT sort out long standing disputes. **Barbara Bowen**, PSC President and AFT Vice President, **Steve London**, PSC First Vice President, and **Mike Fabricant**, PSC Treasurer, have worked closely with AFT and AAUP leadership to allow for both organizations to once again begin joint organizing in higher education.
- This past winter, the PSC hosted for the second time the AAUP Collective Bargaining Conference Regional leaders meeting; designed to create better communication within the organization.
- **Cecelia McCall** was elected to three terms on the national AAUP's Collective Bargaining Congress Executive Committee, and she is a member of the national AAUP's Government Relations Committee.
- **Stanley Aronowitz** was elected to the national AAUP's Collective Bargaining Congress Executive Committee.
- **Lenore Beaky** is one of two elected representatives from the New York region to the AAUP National Council and a member of the national AAUP College and University Governance Committee.
- **Iris DeLutro** and **Steve Leberstein** are members of the national AAUP Academic Professionals Committee, and along with **Arthurine DeSola**, PSC Secretary, have been instrumental in moving an agenda for non-teaching professionals within AAUP.
- **Marcia Newfield**, PSC Vice President for Part-timers, is a member of the AAUP Contingent Faculty Committee. **Anne Friedman**, PSC Vice President for Community Colleges, is a member of the national AAUP Community Colleges Committee.
- **Steve London** is a member of the national AAUP Economic Status of the Profession Committee. And, until his term expired last year, **Steve Leberstein** served on the AAUP's premier Academic Freedom Committee from 2000 to 2006.
- Newer members to the PSC delegation have strong records as well: **Susan O'Malley**, former chair of the University Faculty Senate, and **Kathleen Barker**, a UFS Senator for 8 years, have strong governance and union backgrounds. **James Davis** and **George Walters** are active in academic freedom struggles on their campuses and have leadership positions in their local PSC chapters.



***The AAUP Needs The PSC
To Continue To Be A
Constructive Voice***

***Faculty And Professional
Staff Need New
Caucus-PSC Leadership
To Continue To Effectively
Defend Academic
Freedom At CUNY***

***Vote For The New Caucus
Candidates: A Balanced
Slate Of Experienced And***

***New AAUP Leadership:
Faculty, Adjuncts And
HEOs***

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This is a Contested Election

Running against the New Caucus candidates is the CUNY Alliance. They have offered no positive leadership and done little or nothing to advance academic freedom at CUNY; just as they have done nothing to advance the PSC's goals for a good contract or lobbied for a better budget for CUNY. Their main activity has been to try to tear down the union and criticize. They have never shown any interest in AAUP except when it comes time to run for office.

In solidarity

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**There is a real political difference in this election.
Re-elect Barbara Bowen and the New Caucus.**

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