

CUNY ALLIANCE'S POLITICS OF "SWIFT BOATING"



CUNY Alliance has engaged in a campaign of lies and distortions about New Caucus leadership. Used by Karl Rove against John Kerry in the 2004 campaign, "swift boating" is a campaign tactic that turns the truth upside-down. The politics of "swift boating" is meant to distract and create false issues so that real concerns don't get discussed and the attackers can hide their record and political views behind a smoke-screen of accusations.

The New Caucus rejects this type of politics, because it does not address the real issues of the membership, it does not allow for an honest debate over differences, it is negative and meant to be disempowering, and it is divisive.

For the record, here is the truth about the more blatant lies they have told:

- Salaries have kept pace or beat inflation. For more information, go to www.newcaucus.org/CAcannotcount.htm.
- The Welfare Fund is well managed and financially healthy. For more information, go to www.newcaucus.org/NCrestoresWF.htm
- Survivor benefits were not cut. For more information, go to www.newcaucus.org/NCrestoresWF.htm#CA_is_wrong.
- The three contracts negotiated by the New Caucus PSC leadership have been as good as or better than those negotiated by other State and City unions. For more information, go to www.newcaucus.org/CAcontractignorance.htm
- The New Caucus PSC leadership has been effective and vocal in our opposition to proposed changes in the PSC-CUNY Research Awards. For more information click, go to www.newcaucus.org/CAfearmongering.htm

When you read their often hysterical and exaggerated charges, please consider the source.

In the next 10 days, you will receive New Caucus print literature on campus and at home that speaks to the real issues of the membership and lays out our impressive record of accomplishments since assuming leadership of the PSC. Please take the time to read it.

Since CA uses "swift boating" to hide their politics, in the remaining week of the campaign, we will also take on the responsibility for naming their politics, even if they won't, and drawing clear differences between us and our opponents. Stay tuned.

The New Caucus Slate, Headed By Barbara Bowen, Is The ONLY Choice For Our Future!