BCCFA Representative Assembly

Minutes of Meeting of June 19, 2007 (in C-313)

Members Present: Andy Baddish, Augie Borghese, Joan Cohen, George Cronk, George Eberhardt, Fred Golub, Leigh Jonaitis, Lenore Lerer, Ann Lota, Bill Leonard, Joann Marzocco, Florence McGovern, Don Reilly, Kevin Sullivan, Marj Webster, Paul Wolfe,
BCCFA Executive Committee Officers Present: Peter Helff, President; Tobyn DeMarco, Interim Vice President; Alan Kaufman, Secretary; Laurie Hodge, Treasurer; Richard Comerford, RA Chair

1. The Minutes of the January 27, 2007 meeting were approved.

2. There was no Old Business.

3. The majority of the meeting was devoted to discussion of a proposed four-year contract agreement. Professor Comerford, RA Chair, asked for certain guidelines to govern this discussion, all covered in Robert’s Rules of Order:

   o That members speak without interruption;
   o That debate not be limited, but that everyone who wishes to do so be allowed to participate;
   o That any motion to end debate be agreed to by 2/3 vote of the body.

Laurie Hodge, Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate, agreed to serve as ad-hoc parliamentarian during this discussion.

George Cronk was asked by Professor Comerford to assume the Chair during this discussion so that Comerford would be able to participate. Dr. Cronk agreed.
A motion was made to support the proposed contract.

Discussion ensued, and addressed the following issues raised by RA members:

- Florence McGovern expressed the need for the salary guide to be made fairer. She provided a chart showing that the disparity between those in the middle and those at the top of the guide is growing;
- Professor Comerford expressed disappointment about how the Executive Committee formed the negotiations team, and concern was expressed that a) the RA did not have enough involvement in the process, and b) Executive Committee members were left off the negotiations team and that Professor Helff, BCCFA President, negotiated by himself;
- RA members expressed concern about changes in health care coverage;
- There was considerable talk about the changes to the structure of the College-Wide Promotion and Sabbatical-Leave Committee;
- George Eberhardt asked about what changes were made regarding the status of members of the Ciarco Learning Center.

The question was called at 3:55. The motion passed: 20-0-1

4. A Treasurer’s Report was provided to RA members. There was a motion to accept, and the motion was approved without discussion.

5. Adjournment: 4 pm.

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