BCCFA Representative Assembly

Minutes of Meeting of April 8, 2008 (in C-319)

Members Present: Mark Altschuler, Andrew Baddish, Katherine Benz-Campbell (Allied Health sub), Michael Bodek, Norman Burns, Joan Cohen, Richard Comerford, George Cronk, George Ebhardt, Robert Fusco, Fred Golub, Constance Lee, Lenore Lerner, Mauro Marzocco, Jane Meehan (Nursing sub), Jeanie Payne, Don Reilly, Sandra Silverberg (MAT Alternate), Kevin Sullivan, Marjorie Webster, Paul Wolfe, Baila Zheutlin

BCCFA Executive Committee Officers Present: Peter Helff, President; Alan Kaufman, Vice President; Tobyn De Marco, Secretary; Laurie Hodge, Treasurer; George Cronk, RA Chair

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson George Cronk at 12:30 PM.

2. The Minutes of the February 21, 2008, meeting were approved by voice vote, without objection.

3. Chair's Report – Announce

   - EVP Redmond 3/19/08 mailing to "All College Employees" on "Drug and Alcohol Testing at BCC" (with acknowledgement form that "must" be executed and returned to the EVP's office by 4/11/08.
   - Spring General Faculty Conference – election of Senators-at-Large: May 6.

4. On-going matters: the Nursing Program situation. Update and general discussion.
5. Old business:

- Top-down administration-management at BCC – absence of shared governance (e.g., reorganization, Senate scheduling committee, etc.). General Discussion.
- An online college-within-the-college (the Phoenix-i-zation of BCC?). Not discussed.
- Legal action on the non-smoking policy. Not discussed.
- Cell towers on the roof. Not discussed.
- 21-hour academic advising requirement for post-2001 faculty. General discussion led by Tobyn De Marco and Jane Meehan. Prof. De Marco reported that a special Advisement Review Committee was being formed but that, at that point in time, no faculty were included on the Committee. He also reported that he had requested of VPs Smith and Redmond that faculty be included as an integral part of the process of advisement review and reconstruction.

6. New Business:

- Report on and discussion of negotiations on the administration's proposed academic reorganization. There was general agreement that the upcoming negotiations must be conducted by the full BCCFA Executive Committee acting as a negotiating team.
- Recent and impending actions by the college administration and matters of current concern. Creation of college assembly – in addition to or to replace the Faculty Senate. General discussion.
- Discussion of recent appointments of new deans. It appears that the College's standard policies for searches to fill such positions are not being followed consistently by the administration.

7. Adjournment: 1:40 PM.

Minutes prepared by:
George Cronk, Chair, BCCFA Representative Assembly
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