BCCFA Representative Assembly

Minutes of Meeting of March 14, 2013 (in S-138)

Members Present: Mercedes Alfonso, Linda Box, James Bumgardner (alt), Joanna Campbell (alt), Keith Chu (alt), Louis Cirrilla, Joan Cohen, Richard Comerford, Brian Cordell, Gary Correa, Timothy Foote, William Huisking, Maryann Kho (alt), Matthew King (sub for Mauro Marzocco), Lenore Lerer, Jennifer Lyden (intern), Mauro Marzocco, Sara Mastellone, Jeanie Payne, Gary Porter (alt), Donald Reilly, Cindy Rockafellow, Francis Schmidt, Linda Seidman, Daniel Sheehan, Bridget Taylor (alt), Natalie Timme, Joey Todd (alt), David Wang, Paul Wolfe

BCCFA Executive Committee Officers Tobyn De Marco, Vice President, Acting President; Alan Kaufman, Secretary; Brant Chapman, Treasurer; George Cronk, RA Chair

Sign Language interpreters: Regina Flanagan, Laurellie Jacobs Martinez

1. Call to Order: 12:30 PM.


3. BCCFA President Tobyn De Marco indicated that RA members should be keeping their colleagues updated on news from the RA.

4. A motion was made to give voting privileges in the RA to the BCCFA interns. After some discussion, an amendment was made and accepted to the motion that the three interns share one vote. The motion, with amendment, was approved 24-1-2.

5. President De Marco provided an update on negotiations. He stated that we are finalizing our negotiations team, and that Dr. Walter and the BCCFA officers met earlier in the week, and she was notified that the BCCFA is prepared to begin talking with the college negotiations team. De Marco urged members to send to him any items that they would like him to add to the list that is being compiled for the upcoming negotiations.

6. There was some discussion of Health Care costs and NJEA membership. While the NJEA is an imperfect organization, it was pointed out by President De Marco, Richard Comerford, an
NJEA consultant, and Alan Kaufman, BCCFA Secretary, the ways in which affiliating with NJEA is preferable to thinking about joining AFT or AAUP.

7. Little was said about administrative developments at the college, other than that there are a lot of new administrators.

8. Alan Kaufman reported that, on February 28, 2013, the College-Wide Promotion and Sabbatical Leave Committee had approved a motion calling upon the BCCFA Executive Committee to negotiate a contractual change requiring applicants for promotion to the rank of Professor to be tenured faculty.

9. Tobyn De Marco asked for RA approval of the BCCFA’s paying conference fees for Tobyn and Alan Kaufman, who were to attend the (then upcoming) NEA National Conference on Higher Education in Portland, Oregon, on March 22-24. The request was approved by voice vote.

10. Adjournment: 1:30 PM.

Minutes Prepared and Submitted by Alan Kaufman, Secretary, BCCFA.

Pursuant to the BYLAWS of the BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACULTY ASSOCIATION, Article I, Section 4.