



Bergen Community College

Faculty Association

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BCCFA Representative Assembly

Minutes of Meeting of **October 31, 2006** (in C-319)

Members Present: Andy Baddish, Michael Bodek, Augie Borghese, Gloria Delfico, Tobyn DeMarco, George Eberhardt, Leigh Jonaitis, Connie Lee, Bill Leonard, Lenore Lerer, Ann Lota, Mauro Marzocco, Florence McGovern, Ed Novak, Jeanie Payne, Tiziana Quattrone, Frank Ramdayal, Don Reilly, Kevin Sullivan, Paul Wolfe, Baila Zheutlin

BCCFA Executive Committee Officers Present: Peter Helff, President, Denise Jerman, Vice President, Alan Kaufman, Secretary, Laurie Hodge, Treasurer, Richard Comerford, Chair, RA

1. Minutes of September 26, 2006 meeting were approved.
2. Alan Kaufman reported on petition written by the members of the BCCFA Executive Committee, and signed by RA members and members of the BCCFA, requesting that the Board of Trustees grant nine hours of released time/semester to the President of the BCCFA to conduct the affairs of the union. Petitions were presented to the Board Chair at November 1, 2006 meeting, and were accepted without comment.
3. **Old Business:** Peter Helff gave a brief negotiations update, and stated that we should expect difficult negotiations for a new contract. Negotiations have not begun yet.
4. Richard Comerford reported on the situation at Essex County College. The position of faculty liaison to the Board of Trustees has been eliminated, released time has been cut, the contract has expired and the increment is currently not being paid. There is concern that what is happening at Essex may be a state-wide trend, and that some of what is going on at Essex may also happen at BCC.
5. **New Business:** Concern was expressed about a Cell Tower that the college is planning to build atop the Maria Ciccone Theatre. It must be approved by the Paramus Council. Members of the Professional Staff suggested writing a petition asking for the town not to grant a permit for this construction.
The RA unanimously passed a resolution to support such a petition.
6. Adjournment: 1:30 pm.

Minutes prepared by:
Alan Kaufman
Secretary, BCCFA
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