



## *Bergen Community College*

### *Faculty Association*

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### **BCCFA Representative Assembly**

Minutes of Emergency Meeting of **September 9, 2008** (in W-219)

Members Present: Mark Altschuler, Andrew Baddish, Katherine Benz-Campbell, Norman Burns, Joan Cohen, Richard Comerford, George Cronk, Lenore Lerer, Mike Martinez (Admissions & Registration Alternate), Mauro Marzocco, Ed Novak, Jeanie Payne, Lynne Richardson, Kevin Sullivan, Natalie Timme, Marjorie Webster, Paul Wolfe

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

Guests: Roanne Angiello, Marilyn Gilroy

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1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson George Cronk at 12:30 PM.
2. The purpose of this emergency meeting was to discuss ways in which the BCCFA should respond to the "Monitoring Report to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education" (hereinafter "Report") that the college administration was preparing to send to the Middle States Association by October 1, 2008.
3. George Cronk reported on a meeting on Friday, 9/5/08, of the BCCFA and Faculty Senate Executive Committees with members of the administration, namely, President Ryan, VP Dlugos, VP Porter, and HR Director Miller. At that meeting, the BCCFA and Senate Executive Committees advised the administration that they had no objection to the Report's being sent to Middle States "as is," i.e., in the form in which it was distributed to the college community on or about September 2, 2008. However, following discussion, and at the request of the administration, it was agreed that VP Dlugos would meet with BCCFA Secretary Tobyn De Marco in order to compile BCCFA recommended changes to the Report, following which meeting(s) Dlugos would pass any such

agreed-upon recommendations on to the authors/editors of the final version of the Report, who would be asked to integrate said recommendations into the Report prior to its being sent to Middle States.

4. Alan Kaufman reported on BCCFA-Senate objections to the Report (issues of point of view, pro-administration and anti-BCCFA and anti-Senate bias, imbalance, inaccuracy, incompleteness, etc.). He stated that "A Response to the 'Middle States Monitoring' Tirade" from the BCCFA and Senate leadership was available and would be distributed shortly via email to the RA membership. [This document was emailed to the RA membership on 9/11/08.]

5. There was general discussion of various aspects of the Report, of its handling by the college administration, and of its reception by members of the RA and of the general faculty. No motions were made; no resolutions were adopted.

6. Adjournment: 1:25 PM.

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