Minutes of the meeting of the WCCFT Executive Board – October 29, 2015   Held in the Union office

Attendees:  Mel Bienenfeld, Kathleen Collins, Gwen Roundtree Evans, Judy Langer, Rowan Lindley, Joanna Peters, Rosemarie Serrano, Don Shernoff, Don Weigand, Scott Zaluda

The meeting started at 4 pm.
The minutes of September 17 were read and accepted.
The minutes of October 21 were read and accepted as amended.

The program specialists, also called coaches, were to be discussed with Amanda and the CSEA. We may allege they are doing bargaining unit work, so they should be part of the WCCFT. They are not now part of any union.  An Improper Practice Hearing will be held by PERB on December 2 at 2 pm in Brooklyn.

At the Board of Trustees meeting, held in Hartford Hall on October 21, 2015, about 50 faculty attended and displayed posters addressing issues of concern to the faculty.  No faculty representative was allowed to speak at the meeting. Our officers will work with Senate officers to discuss the possibility of jointly addressing the Trustees.

Science chairs have told the administration that combining their departments makes no sense.

Pres. Miles has not met with Mel and Judy this semester, despite prior promises to meet with them frequently.

Don Weigand and Scott Zaluda are working on press releases for local news outlets.

We need a mailbox count for each building in order to facilitate distribution of WCCFT newsletters.
Don Shernoff volunteered to distribute newsletters to the Arts Center in White Plains.

A member meeting is scheduled for November 4 from 11 am to 1 pm in the Tech Building.  The current state of negotiations will be presented to the members. The negotiating team will be on stage. We will make the point that the outcome of the negotiations will affect the working conditions for the untenured faculty for the next 20 years.

The WCCFT will schedule a meeting with the untenured faculty on November 11.

A Town Hall Meeting, hosted by Miles is planned for November 12 in Classroom 200.
WCCFT members may attend and we plan to display signs addressing matters of concern, including pay and benefits, adjunct issues and governance.

An eboard meeting is scheduled for November 18 from 11 am to 1 pm.
A blackout occurred at WCC last night (October 28), apparently caused by a raccoon causing a short circuit of a transformer.   No one took charge of the campus to handle the potential crisis.  People evacuated in total darkness.

A negotiation committee meeting is scheduled for November 4 at 10:15, prior to the member meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.