1) Call to Order 1:05pm

2) Motion (Eckstein/Rocco): To approve minutes. Approved unanimously.

3) President Report—Dariush Haghighat

4) The Chancellor has contacted Dariush regarding some of the recent exchanges on the Opt-discuss listserv. A CSEA representative has complained to the DHR and the Chancellor regarding the language used in some of the faculty posts. That CSEA representative has claimed that some of the sharp exchanges have offended some staff members and they feel they are being harassed. Dariush has suggested that many stakeholders have in turn been extremely offended by extremely degrading and hurtful comments posted by a staff member about immigrants. However, Dariush has cautioned the DHR and the Chancellor that we all must be careful that we do not reach hasty decisions that will result in a violation or restriction of freedom of expression in our district. Of course, we must all adhere to our board policies and federal and state mandates governing posting statements on district listservs. However, we do not need nor we should go overboard with regulations that would lead to restrictions or violations of freedom of expression in our district.

5) After careful consideration, Dariush announced the contract negotiation team: Fabian Biancardi (MVC), Mark Sellick, (RCC), Peter Boelman (NC), Cynthia Mahon (PT-Fac), and Kathleen Sell as chief negotiator. At times a rotating fifth person from the negotiation sub-committees will join the negotiation team.

6) Discussion ensued regarding how we want to tackle negotiations. There are certain committees that are a given: counseling, librarians, nursing, and part time faculty. As far as other committees are concerned, we need to sunshine our items first and then use the committees for assistance.
7) **Vice Presidents’ and Representatives’ Reports**

8) **Moreno Valley College**—

9) **Fabian Biancardi.** Met with President Mayo and VP Farrar regarding continuing issues with the PA program. The Chancellor has weighed in supporting the PA program. Other concerns that were discussed involve the library, the dental programs, BCTC, and loss of the CTE dean.

10) Student volunteers from Moreno Valley College are calling on behalf of Association’s endorsees for the upcoming board of trustees’ election.

11) The Election is one month from today. The Faculty Association urges its members to contact Fabian and Rhonda if they wish to get involved in the campaign of the candidates the Association has endorsed for the upcoming election.

12) **Chris Rocco.** Chris met with a faculty investigator for four hours. He does not think there will be any continuation needed.

13) **Riverside City College**—

14) **John Sullivan.** Faculty are being requested as volunteers for phone banking for endorsed candidates Juliann Anderson and Angelov Farooq at Congressman Mark Takano's campaign headquarters. The location is at 2155 Chicago Avenue, Riverside (glass office building). The best time to go is between 6:00 - 8:00pm, any weeknight.

15) **Mark Sellick.** No public report. Two very important report in dealing with Faculty investigation for the closed session.

16) **Rhonda Taube.** Rhonda reported that the follow-up of the student being taken out of the art class in handcuffs is that police must now contact the college administrators before going into any class. RCC administrators had no idea there was a student issue involving the college police.

17) **Norco College**—no reports

18) Treasurer’s Report—no report

19) Secretary’s Report— Shari Yates

20) A faculty member teaching on Saturdays reported to Shari that her classroom was locked. When she called college police to open the door, dispatch informed her no officer was on duty and no one was available to open the door. The Saturday instructors need more support whether it is police and/or administrators.

21) Shari received an email asking whom the association has endorsed for board of trustees candidates:
Juliann Anderson (Trustee Area 4-- http://www.juliannanderson.com/)
Angelov Farooq (Trustee Area 5-- http://theievoice.com/angelov-farooq-launches-campaign-for-riverside-community-college-district-board-of-trustees/)
Virginia Blumenthal (Trustee Area 2-- http://www.rccd.edu/administration/board/Pages/VirginiaBlumenthal.aspx)

22) Academic Senate—Lee Nelson. The RCC Senate is continuing with the task force to strengthen faculty’s role at the college. Accreditation issues are ongoing along with never ending policies that come up.

23) Closed Session—Five items discussed
24) Adjournment 2:25pm