

## LABOR CODES LICENSING COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Feb. 20, 2014 • Nancy Nicholas Hall 1199 • 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

<http://www.news.wisc.edu/laborlicensing/>

**Committee members attending:** Lingran Kong, Lydia Zepeda, Chris Schlichenmaier, Melanie Meyer, Jason Weitzman, Tammi Simpson, John Ahlquist,

**Absent:** Cornell Zbikowski, John Newton, Ian Coxhead, Diane Michalski Turner,

**Others attending:** Everett Mitchell, Cindy Van Matre, Lisa Hull

Two representatives from the Bangladeshi Garment Workers Union and two United Students Against Sweatshops representatives

**Note:** One academic staff representative position remains open.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

**Minutes:** The Feb. 3, 2014 minutes were approved.

**Announcements.** Georgetown and Cornell Universities are mandating licensees sign the Accord. Mr. Mitchell announced that the Chancellor wants to meet with the LCLCC committee. (Note: meeting occurred on 3/6/2014). Chancellor's blog is online now, accessible at: <http://www.news.wisc.edu/22642>.

**Bangladesh:** Two representatives from Bangladesh, Kalpona Akter and Reba Sikder, shared experiences related to the Rana Plaza disaster. Reba was buried in the rubble for two days. Kalpona, of the Bangladesh Center for Worker Solidarity, served as Reba's interpreter and answered questions from the committee regarding the effectiveness of the Accord.

**Report to the Chancellor:** Committee discussed the report's draft and split up sections to work on.

**Closing:** Committee agreed to work on an agenda for the Chancellor's meeting. Adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Next regular meeting: March 27, 11-noon Nancy Nicholas Hall, room 1199

### **Special Meeting of the LCLCC Committee with Chancellor Blank on March 6, 2014, Rm 260 Bascom.**

**In attendance:** Lingran Kong, Lydia Zepeda, Chris Schlichenmaier, Melanie Meyer, Jason Weitzman, Tammi Simpson, John Ahlquist, Ian Coxhead, Diane Michalski Turner.

**Absent:** Cornell Zbikowski, John Newton

Committee delivered its written report to the Chancellor which compared and contrasted the Alliance and the Accord, and explained to the Chancellor why it was making the recommendation to mandate UW-Madison licensees sign onto the Accord. The Chancellor

asked questions, and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to this issue. The Chancellor indicated she wished to move quickly on making a decision.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Note: On March 14, 2014 the Chancellor announced her decision to [mandate participation](#) of our licensees in the Accord.