



**Professional Employees Council  
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**PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES COUNCIL**

January 29, 2003

Reinhardt Room, Bartle Library Ground Floor

**Present:** S. Ballard, D. Denoncourt, K. Fennie, L. Gilroy, F. Goldman, D. Guido, B. Kilmarx, S. Lewis, R. Mess, L. Nesslage, S. Repine, R. Stanek, D. Wood; **Excused:** S. Birchard, K. Burke, C. Dimick, S. Hanifin, M. Lennox-Dunn, G. Slater, M. Sollis, P. Russel, K. Holmes; **Absent:** I. Batista-Blair, C. Cullinane, W. Kroll, M. Loveria

**I. Approval of minutes of January 15, 2003**

On motion by R. Mess, second by F. Goldman, the minutes of the meetings of January 15, 2004 were approved.

**II. Announcements**

President DeFleur will address PEC on April 9, 2003.

**III. Standing Committee Reports**

**a. Communications:** no report.

**b. Rules:** D. Wood announced that members would be receiving a Call for Nominations.

**c. Professional Development:** The morning seminar conducted by Tom Kowolik, PSPC, on the topic of Public Speaking on January 16 was attended 37 people and it went well. The committee is working on a second survey to determine interest in follow-up sessions to actually implement suggestions.

**d. Distinguished Service Award:** K. Fennie circulated pictures of possible locations on campus where the award plaque might be placed. After a discussion of each site's merit, Council preference was clearly for the Administration Bldg. lobby. Other locations such as the Library Tower lobby, outside the Chenango Room, University Union West and PSPC were not considered appropriate as a place to honor professionals. .

**IV. Old Business**

**Listserv:**

S. Repine reported that she has compiled the listserv and is checking it for accuracy. L. Gilroy will be providing her with the Research Foundation employee information to be added. K. Fennie will review the listing. There are still some professionals who do not have emails. S. Repine will create a subscribers list so individuals will have the option to subscribe or unsubscribe easily. She indicated that this list would need to be reviewed and upgraded periodically to add new employees and remove individuals no longer on campus. She can do a query from the HR database to regularly update the subscription list. Some system should be developed for maintenance. This function should fall under the Communications Committee. S. Repine will develop a process and instructions for the Committee to follow after her term on PEC is over.

**Advocacy Day:**

Darryl Wood reminded us that Advocacy Day would be held March 18. He asked that Professionals who would like to participate to contact him immediately.

**V. New Business**

**Volunteer for 2003 Council/Foundation Award Committee:**

Susan Lewis volunteered to serve as the PEC representative. K. Fennie will inform Eileen Orringer. The selection committee will meet in April.

**PEC Representation on CUE (Committee for the University Environment):**

K. Fennie led the discussion about the recent proposal that passed the Faculty Senate to change the representation on this committee. The proposal increases the faculty representation to 8 (from 5), 3 students – two from SA and one from GSO (from 2), VP for Admin. or designee, 1 CSEA or PEC representative from academic affairs or external affairs, 1 Res. Life representative appointed by the VP for Student Affairs, 1 Physical Plant representative appointed by VP for Physical Facilities, 1 environmental ombudsman or other environmental professional appointed by the Associate VP for Physical Facilities. The complete proposal is on the Faculty Senate web site. This has been sent to senior staff for discussion. K. Fennie would like to send a letter stating that PEC believes professional employees should be represented and that PEC as the umbrella organization would be pleased to recommend a representative for CUE. There is a concern that the representative must be from academic affairs or external affairs. D. Wood observed that it is unclear if they are looking for representation then it should read CSEA or UUP. L. Gilroy noted that Research division professionals are not included under either union, only PEC. S. Lewis commented that although there is sufficient academic affairs representation with 8 faculty members, the professionals working in academic affairs division might provide a different perspective.

**VI. Other**

K. Fennie is still working on a Spring Constituency meeting to be held some time in April on a Monday or Friday. The preference for Friday was indicated. The meeting will be a brown bag luncheon. K. Fennie will schedule.

**VII. Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Professional Employees Council will be Wednesday, February 12, 2003 from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in Room AD148 of the Couper Administration Building.

On motion by S. Ballard, and seconded by D. Guido, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Professional employees are encouraged to provide PEC with responses to items discussed and reported in the minutes. Professionals are also encouraged to suggest agenda items and to attend PEC meetings. Please direct suggestions or your request to be added to the PEC listserv to Karen Fennie, PEC Chair, x72692 [kfennie@binghamton.edu](mailto:kfennie@binghamton.edu).

Please also note that PEC Council meeting minutes are posted on the PEC website <http://pec.binghamton.edu/> PEC is currently exploring electronic distribution of meeting minutes in an effort to save printing costs. If you have thoughts on the issue, contact Karen Fennie.