



Professional Employees Council
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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES COUNCIL
February 12, 2003
Couper Administration Building, Room AD 148

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

I. Approval of minutes of January 29, 2003

On motion by R. Mess, second by P. Russell, the minutes of the meetings of January 29, 2003 were approved with the following two corrections. 1) under Listserv the words "she can do a query" should be changed to "she will ask HR to run a query," and 2) under PEC Representation on CUE the words "L. Gilroy noted that Research division professionals" should be changed to "L. Gilroy noted that Research Foundation professionals"

II. Announcements

None.

III. Standing Committee Reports

a. Communications: no report.

b. Rules: no report.

c. Professional Development: D. Guido distributed results from survey prepared by J. Walker following the presentation skills workshop of January 16. New workshops are being planned for some time in April to cover writing resumes, cover letters, CV's, etc..

d. Distinguished Service Award: K. Fennie reported that a letter was sent to President DeFleur this week outlining PEC's preference for hanging the plaque in the lobby of the Administration building. Council feels very strongly that this is the appropriate location for professional recognition.

IV. Old Business

Listserv:

S. Repine asked for us to assign an "owner" for the Listserv. M. Lennox-Dunn volunteered. Backup owner will be a member of the Communications committee of PEC. S. Repine will work with Jeff Hadley from HR to get the list run and develop procedures for on-going maintenance of the Listserv.

PEC representation on CUE:

K. Fennie heard from Wayne Jones in the President's Office that Senior Staff had reviewed the CUE proposal and felt PEC should continue to be able to appoint a member to CUE. The issue is now back in the hands of the Faculty Senate.

V. New Business

University Diversity Advisory Committee

Linda Morales Husch and Valerie Hampton were guests at PEC to discuss the formation of a new University Diversity Advisory Committee. The formation of the committee would help accomplish one of the 02-03 goals for the Multicultural Resource Center, and would serve to provide recommendations for Affirmative Action. The committee would have a Chair, Vice Chair, and Recording Secretary with representation from faculty, major administrative areas and student groups. Council indicated to Linda and Val that they would like to have a representative on the committee.

Report on Meeting with VP Summers

Donna Denoncourt gave a summary of the meeting she and Sara Ballard had with VP Summers. VP Summers indicated that the housing lottery would take place in Fall '03. He also indicated that the search for a new Res Life Director is progressing and they are looking for someone with vision. With space still an issue on campus, by March we should learn of plans for the old UU offices. Rodger would like to increase student affairs fund raising and have a development person on board by Fall '03, this could be an internal opportunity. VP Summers also spoke of his desire to inform students where rec fee money goes in the hopes of cutting down on the number of refund requests. There is currently a resolution on the floor for the SA to have

a mandatory and increased rec fee of \$26. VP Summers spoke of the downtown presence and need to identify start up money for a feasibility study. Senator Libous has said he would find money for this project. The VPs are meeting more often to develop better ways to work together, to talk better across divisions.

Report on Meeting with VP Carr

Mary Lou Sollis reported on her meeting with VP Carr. They talked about the former NYSEG building, now known as Innovative Technologies Complex (ITC). Existing building will be home to offices, including Div. of Research, but mainly will be devoted to high tech lab space. Renovations are expected to be complete in about 1.5 to 2 years. No one will occupy that space until renovations are complete. VP Carr spoke of the need for an additional building on that sight because the existing space will not be enough. Although we have been told we would receive \$15 million from Gen*Y*sis, we have yet to receive any of that money. It is hoped the NYS budget will not cause delays. New construction could be accelerated with a corporate donor. We are looking to expand and build new corporate partnerships with local companies like IBM, Raymond, L3, Universal, BAE, etc. These types of partnerships were key to accelerating the development of university-based research centers in Albany and Rochester. Concerning Budget, Research division will not add new personnel and will fill positions on a case-by-case basis. No expansion of space or resources is planned at this time. For the most up-to-date information on Research, subscribe to the electronic newsletter Discover-e. For more information:

<http://research.binghamton.edu/discover-e>. VP Carr offered to meet with the committee to answer questions or provide further information.

VI. Other

Spring Constituency meeting

The Spring Constituency meeting has been scheduled for April 17, Noon to 1 p.m., PSPC, Room E/F. This is a brown bag lunch. All professional employees are encouraged to attend.

American Heart Walk

Contact Mary Beth Lennox-Dunn if you are interested in forming or joining a team for the American Heart Walk to be held at Binghamton High School on Saturday, April 12. We would really like to see a large turn out representing Binghamton University this year. Historically, we have had low turn out for this important event.

Technology Training Center

The Training Center is looking for suggestions for new types of training they can provide. Please send suggestions to D. Guido.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Professional Employees Council will be Wednesday, February 26, 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 4:20 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.

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.