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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES COUNCIL

Feb. 11, 2004

Couper Administration Building, AD 148

Present: C. Altsmansberger, R. Barron, K. Fennie, G. Glover, F. Goldman, M. Lennox, S. Lewis, N. Mabe, R. Mess, L. Nesslage, M. Sollis, R. Stanek, D. Stone

Excused: S. Ballard, K. Burke, D. Guido, B. Kilmarx, L. Klein, L. MacKenzie, P. Russell, T. Robinson, S. Warriner, D. Wood

Absent: C. Fuller, L. Gilroy, M. Loveria

Guest: None

I. Approval of minutes

On a motion by M. Lennox and S. Lewis, the minutes of Jan. 28th were approved.

II. Announcements

- Karen Catalano will be rescheduled to demonstrate yoga techniques at another PEC meeting.

III. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Communications:** The "Spotlight On..." piece for the web page will be up and running soon. Tanya and Paul's profiles will be presented. Ashok is working on this currently. S. Warriner will see that it gets put on the web page in a prominent area.
- b. Rules:** D. Wood is in currently in Albany negotiating. There is currently no report for this committee.
- c. Professional Development:** The committee has received 27 responses from their survey. 12 out of the 27 responders want to be mentors for new employees to campus. A career management essentials workshop will be offered in March.
- d. Distinguished Service Award:** This committee's members will be contacted on Feb. 23rd and a meeting will be scheduled for March. F. Goldman has been added to this committee.
- e. PEC History Committee:** None

IV. Old Business

R. Mess mentioned that PEC is currently is lacking two members and a search is being conducted to find replacements for the open seats.

V. New Business

- President De Fleur will be speaking at the next PEC meeting.
- UUP Surveys are currently in the mail. Campus professionals are requested to return them as soon as possible.
- A meeting with VP Sammakia will take place on Feb. 18th.
- Reports were given on meetings with VP Summers and VP Kelly. Discussion included the following:
 - Budgets – still facing a flat budget for the future. However, there may be more cuts to come.
 - Senior staff have discussed the decrease of morale across campus as staff take on added workload. The Vice Presidents suggested staff should communicate their concerns and develop priorities as to what needs to be done and what can be let go for now.
 - VP Kelly will reconvene the Comprehensive Campaign cabinet to discuss the next campaign. The committee will discuss options and then make recommendations to the President.
 - Binghamton University is charged by SUNY Central to raise \$15 a year over the next 7.5 years. Currently, BU has been raising under \$7 million for the past three years. We expect to raise \$12 million this year.
 - Events Center – still need more money (\$4 million) to complete this project for furniture, equipment, endowment for upkeep and etc.
 - Downtown Education Center: \$25 million proposed in Executive Budget. There will be a new building added near the Holiday Inn Arena area to be used by BU, BCC and Empire State – BU will offer

program(s) such as MPA and does not want this to be a purely academic facility. Planning stages of this project will begin Fall 04 into 05.

- Priority projects in the next Capital Plan for Student Affairs: Rec. Center – the East Gym building will be expanded. Consultants are being brought in to help with the project.
- Priority projects for External Affairs: Reorganization – SBDC, Government Relations – now part of Research Division. A VP for Communications and Marketing has been hired. Empire State Games – July 28 – August 1, 2004.
- Discretionary raises are put in priority order and each recommendation is looked at carefully and recipients are chosen.
- There have been increases in staff/refilling positions in certain program areas: Turkey Program, CDC, Recreation, and in the Counseling Center.
- There are currently no plans for any student related services to move into the new Union.
- Professional employees would like to have a positive impact on the issues presented above. VP Summers suggested that professionals should send good data and communicate jobs well done as well as any concerns.
- VP Kelly expressed the appreciation for the work that PEC members do across the campus. He believes that through our professionalism, ability and expertise across the board were unique to BU – other places might have strengths in select areas, but BU has the distinct honor of having a skilled PEC workforce throughout.

VI. Other

- Campus staff and students are asked to support the American Heart Association Heart Walk Run on April 24, 2004 at Binghamton High School. Interested participants have been asked to either join an existing team, start your own team and become a team captain, participate as an individual, or donate to an existing team or individual. For more information contact Marybeth Lennox at X76393 or mlennox@binghamton.edu or you may go to www.heartwalk.kintera.org/binghamtonny
- All golf carts on loan at the Binghamton University campus need to be returned to Facilities within this month.
- The Star Award announcement has been posted in "Inside".
- The Watson School will host an Internet Safety and Website Development day for National Engineers Week Feb. 28th 9:30am – 8pm.

VII. Next Meeting:

PEC will reconvene as regularly scheduled on Wednesday, Feb. 25th, 2004 in AD 148 at 3:00pm. On a motion by F. Goldman and seconded by D. Stone, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 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 Bob Mess, PEC Chair, X76039 or rmess@binghamton.edu

Please note that PEC meeting minutes are posted on the PEC website: <http://pec.binghamton.edu>