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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES COUNCIL

April. 21, 2004

Couper Administration Building, AD 148

Present: C. Altsmansberger, K. Fennie, L. Gilroy, G. Glover, D. Guido, L. Klein, N. Mabe, L. MacKenzie, R. Mess, T. Robinson, M. Sollis, R. Stanek, D. Stone, S. Warriner, D. Wood

Excused: S. Ballard, K. Burke, F. Goldman, B. Kilmarx, S. Lewis, L. Nesslage, P. Russell

Absent: R. Barron, C. Fuller, M. Lennox, M. Loveria

Guest: Vice President Sammakia

I. Approval of minutes

All approved the minutes of Mar. 24th.

II. Announcements

- The Strategic Planning Council for distance education and tradition will meet on 4/28 at 3:30pm in AD 172. PEC members are encouraged to attend and participate in this meeting.
- VP Kelly will not be meeting with PEC on May 19th as originally scheduled.
- VP Summers will be meeting with meeting with PEC on June 16th.
- PEC will hold it's annual constituency luncheon the first week of May. D. Stone will reserve PSPC room E & F. Light refreshments will be served. Retired Professionals and permanent professionals will be recognized.

III. Standing Committee Reports

- Communications:** The Distinguished Service Award material will be posted shortly to the PEC website.
- Rules:** None
- Professional Development:** This committee will also be hosting another Brown Bag Lunch presentation on Tuesday, April 27 at noon in the PSPC Dining Room. Karen Catalano will present "Healing Body and Mind with Yoga".
- Distinguished Service Award:** Nomination materials will be posted to the campus soon. The deadline for award nominations will be in June.
- PEC History Committee:** None.

IV. Old Business

Several members of PEC attended Advocacy Day in Albany and presented their experiences to the council. Discussion included the following:

PEC members along with President De Fleur, Vice Presidents, campus professionals, faculty, and students attended this opportunity to speak to government officials on behalf of Binghamton University. Teams comprised of 4 or five BU representatives including (UUP, CSEA, and other campus representative) who spoke to the politicians including Senator Libous. The theme was "Helping Build New York." Discussion included research monies, the Empire Games, the capital plan, and etc. Sodexo sponsored the reception that well attended and received. Gifts were donated by local businesses assisted by the campus Small Business Development Center. These gifts were given to the attending government officials.

V. New Business

Vice President Sammakia was the guest speaker at this PEC meeting. Discussion included the following:

- Binghamton University's Small Scale Systems packaging center focuses on research in electronics packaging and Microsystems. Components are designed on smaller scale and these parts are integrated into larger scale products. Some of the products will be smaller than a human hair and in some cases be lighter and stronger than ever before. Some of the challenges will be to make items that can be easy manufactured and uniformly produced and to create new manufacturing jobs in emerging technology areas.

- Key objectives include:
 - Assisting existing local companies so that they choose to stay in their area, which will foster economic development.
 - Keep high-tech jobs in the U.S. rather than losing jobs to companies in other parts of the world.
 - Increase job creation and retention
 - Maintain excellence with growing research expenditure
 - Have expert faculty on campus assist businesses in the area develop areas of expertise.
 - Establish a top quality facility that can rapidly commercialize new products.
- Some areas that this technology will assist to develop will be health care, agriculture, manufacturing, security processes, and consumer products.
- Projected growth of these types of products is estimated to be \$1 trillion in emerging technology areas in future years.
- Facilities will require systems analysis that will have a clean room facility, micro scale assembly, testing and manufacturing areas. Facilities will focus on small-scale structures such as intercommunications, micro devices, and etc. Users of these systems will include medical, security, military, industrial and consumers.
- An alliance has been made between Binghamton University, RPI and the ITC, which will increase the research and development of new Micro systems and electronic research.

VI. Next Meeting:

PEC will reconvene as regularly scheduled on Wednesday, May 5th, 2004 in PSPC E/F at 12:00pm.
On motions made by D. Wood and R. Mess, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 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>