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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES COUNCIL  
Minutes – March 23, 2005, 3:00 PM

**Present:** E. Abate, C. Altsmansberger, J. Dorak, G. Glover, G. Guido, D. Hawkins, S. Lewis, L. MacKenzie, D. Martin, T. Robinson, S. Santobuono, D. Stone, D. Wood, I. Fang WU, J. Yaples

**Excused:** R. Barron, C. Fuller, L. Gilroy, B. Jenson, C. Kester, L. Klein, M. Lennox, N. Mabe, R. Mess, J. Walker, V. Young

**Absent:**

**Guest:** President DeFleur, A. Poole

- I. Approval of minutes – 03-09-05  
Dave announced changes that need to be made. No additional changes were suggested.  
Motion to table until updates made (Don G.) seconded by (Cindy A.) Motion carried.
- II. Announcements – It is requested that we make our views known to our government officials.
  - a. Budget – NYS - contact your Legislators
  - b. Social Security - contact your Congresspersons
  - c. Daryl W. indicated that the Reserve Reading room had another fluorescent light ballast problem. Some books were damaged but will be replaced. Discussion moved onto do the building administrators know what to look for. Council expressed concern on informing the campus of what to look for. Don G. motioned that council send a letter to Connie Corey indicating our concern. Susan L. seconded. Motion carried.
  - d. Dave S. reported on Contract Dining Cash Foods Sales Advisory Committee that alternate retail formats are being considered for the Food Court (Quiznos, Pizza Hut & Mine Bowl)
- III. Standing Committee Reports
  - a. Communications  
Web page has been updated. It was brought up that some people had a problem opening the Brown Bag e-mail link. It will be looked into.
  - b. Rules  
Daryl indicated that people who had been nominated are being contacted (deadline is Friday). He reminded us that we will need Officers for next year.
  - c. Professional Development  
Tanya reminded us about the up-coming Brown Bag sessions (listed in old business)
  - d. Distinguished Service Award (no committee member)

IV. Old Business

- a. Upcoming Presentations – President DeFleur, Mar 23; **Spring Constituency Meeting, Apr 6, Noon, PSPC, Rm C**; J. Meador, Library Services, April 20; VP of Research Sonnenfeld, May 4; A. Doll, Admissions Marketing & Management; Terry Webb Residential Life, June 1
- b. Brown Bag Session - Kowalik to speak re: Winter Session - 3-29-05 in PSPC Rm C.
- c. Brown Bag Session – Cooper to speak re: SPAM 4-28-05 in PSPC Rm E/F (Tunis Cooper)
- d. Professional Development Funds – meeting 3-25-05
- e. Search Committee for VP for Administration – held first meeting, candidates are Internal to our Campus.
- f. Nominations for Officers – Please consider if you would like to run or nominate someone for the 2005-2006 slate
- g. BU Council – Meeting 3-18-05- Topic - Personal Safety Programs & Crime Statistics

V. New Business

UUP – public involvement in the community

Daryl W. indicated that there is a need for us to get more involved with community events. (assisting WSKG, Breast Cancer Walk discussed, looking for ideas)

Next Meeting: Constituency Meeting will replace the regularly scheduled Wednesday, April 6, 2005 meeting. Luncheon PSPC Rm C at 12 noon

Motion to adjourn made by Cindy A. seconded by Don G.

**President's comments:**

She started with the list of topics we had sent before hand.

Admission numbers are over whelming, students applying have 50-60 SAT points than before.

Debate team, Accounting team and Harpur's Ferry's high placements in recent competitions. Pleased that our students are excelling in various settings.

Budget - next year under negotiation. She would like EOP and Tuition Assistance to get more support.

Advocacy Day – She indicated that we should continue to write letters.

Retirement Incentives – Not to be offered for a while

VP Search – Letters to Administrative and Campus leaders have gone out. Send internal suggested nominations to Tom Kelly (internal to this campus). Committee has been created and is currently creating the job description.

The responsibilities that were moved around from the VP to Provost's office were made to assist fiscal planning and tracking for multiple years.

Strategic Plan – Divisions are now planning there strategic plans that should align to the campus strategic plan.

Downtown Center is moving along quickly. Construction manager has been hired. Parking options are being considered. Generic flexible spaces are being planned. Space is being planned so that a verity of academic and community related activities can utilize the space. Projected opening Summer or Fall 2007.

Bio Engineering is in its new space, demolition is occurring in other parts of the building. Project is moving along.

Newing and Dickenson – Consultants are looking at the mandated ADA, fire and safety codes and the costs involved with up dating the buildings. There is a commitment to having Newing and Dickenson communities.

The president thanked us for our hard work.