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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES COUNCIL  
Minutes – April 20, 2005 3:00 PM

**Present:** R. Barron, J. Dorak, L. Gilroy, G. Glover, G. Guido, D. Hawkins, B. Jenson, C. Kester, L. Klein, N. Mabe, L. MacKenzie, R. Mess, T. Robinson, S. Santobuono, D. Stone, J. Walker, D. Wood, I. Fang WU, J. Yaples, V. Young

**Excused:** E. Abate, C. Altsmansberger, C. Fuller, S. Lewis M. Lennox, D. Martin

**Absent:**

**Guests:** J. Meador, D. Brister, N. Chanecka, C. Clemente, S. Currie, S. DeClemente, V. Howell, K. Kowalczyk, A. McManus, S. Mrozowski, C. Olbrys, D. Vose, X. Zou

- I. Approval of minutes from 3/9/05 L. MacKenzie, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Wood  
3/23/05 D. Guido, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Robinson
- II. Announcements – It is requested that we make our views known to our government officials.
  - a. D. Guido—Raisen In the Sun; Friday & Saturday 8 pm, Sunday 2 pm Walter’s Theatre
- III. Standing Committee Reports
  - a. Communications—G. Glover, Nothing to Report
  - b. Rules--D. Wood, ballots will be counted Thursday.
  - c. Professional Development –T. Robinson, Nothing to Report
  - d. Distinguished Service Award—N. Mabe, Nothing to Report
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Upcoming Presentations – VP of Research Sonnenfeld, May 4; A. Doll, Admissions Marketing & Management; Terry Webb Residential Life, June 1
  - b. Brown Bag Session –T. Cooper to speak re: SPAM 4-28-05 in PSPC Rm E/F
  - c. Professional Development Funds – B. Jenson gave update on committee meeting. Can get an account setup strictly for Professional Development through Foundation. D. Stone gave update on legal aspects of the organization. Committee discussed options for making money; golf tournament, solicit campus community, maybe setup to work concession stand at Events Center and split proceeds (need to check further); possible fund raisers. Golf Tournament was discussed, committee will re-convene to discuss particulars and report back at next PEC Full meeting for final decision.
  - d. Search Committee for VP for Administration – D. Stone stated 7 applied, narrowed down to 2 finalists. Interviews setup on 4/25 & 4/26 for PEC members. D. Stone urged as many members as possible to participate in the interviews. Resumes and evaluation forms are on website.
  - e. D. Stone sent letter to EH&S regarding PCB & Right to Know Training. He noted that next month training is being done for physical facilities on these subjects.
  - f. BU Council Meeting---D. Stone was unable to attend.

Meeting was turned over to John Meador, University Library at 3:30 pm. Discussed briefly initiatives in the Library such as: created new brochures and pamphlets. Started the "Honor Books" where people can "buy a book" and dedicate it to someone. Created a digital newsletter and a student employee handbook.

Gave a brief history on books and how the process originated. Discussed software they have in place and decentralization of information. Using Instant messaging now for corresponding to customers. Explained how you can search by key words in Digital books and the internet will enhance the Library.

Discussed future of the Library improving the atmosphere of the Library setting so that it is "learner centered" and not "library centered". For searching and finding information use different techniques which match the learning style of customers (some people are geared more towards Visual Grouping rather than the search/find technique. Believes Professional Development is important in the Library looking to partner in/out of the library (SUNY Connect, RLG (Research Library Group).

Gave power point presentation of the concept of an Information Commons. Joint effort of Library and Computer Science. Make the Library more distinctive looking with new layout/furniture setup geared for the students. Students like to use "chat reference", less informal library settings so they can meet, discuss and get information quickly. Extending the Library hours 24/5 starting Fall 2005. Hope to have Information Commons in place by Spring 2006. D. Wood asked about if focus is going to be more on electronic or still have books. J. Meador explained that there will be a need for books still because some are "out of print" or not available electronically. Presentation ended at 4:10 pm.

Formal PEC meeting reconvened.

#### V. New Business

D. Wood talked about the success of Advocacy Day. 120 people from campus attended.

D. Stone discuss the reputation that PEC has on campus. There seems to be a lack of understanding of the role of PEC---seen more as a union than what the intent is. Discussed why this misconception exists. L. Gilroy said that the Communications Committee needed to reconvene and address the issue and come up with ways to communicate and improve the perception. L. MacKenzie said that the beginning of the year should advertise in Dateline, on the Events Calendar the meeting dates, brown bag lunches. More advertising. Also suggested go back to handing out a brochure to new hires when they arrive on campus.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 2005.

Motion to adjourn made by D. Guido, Seconded by L. Gilroy