



Professional Employees Council
Binghamton University
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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES COUNCIL

Date: July 13, 2004

Present: C. Altmansberger, D. Guido, A. Wowk, L. Abate, J. Dorak, D. Wood, I Fang Wu, S. Santobuono, J. Kroll, E. Chidester, D. Cavallucci, M. Nostrum, K. Schnauber, J. Walker, D. Stone, J. Gates, J. Yaples, B. Mess
Excused: V. Young, D. Hawkins, B. Jenson, J. Goldman, and L. Gilroy
Absent: D. Felix, K. Riley

- I. **Approval of minutes** – After a typographical error correction, minutes of June 29 PEC meeting were approved –1st Angie Wowk; 2nd Sharon Santobuono
- II. **Announcements**
--No new announcements
- III. **Standing Committee Reports**
 - a. **Communications:** Chair Liz Abate gave a brief overview of the function of the Communications Committee. The Committee is responsible for maintaining the PEC website and for disseminating information to the constituency. A project to profile members on the website was undertaken last year and the committee is soliciting help to continue with their efforts. Anyone interested in helping with the member profiles, or the Communication Committee in general can contact Liz or voice their interest at the next meeting.

Bob Mess, Chair of the subcommittee on PEC Awareness, stated that the function of his group is to clear up the misconception that UUP and PEC are one and the same. The primary difference is that the PEC has a governance focus, while UUP clearly has a union focus. Dave Stone volunteered to join this subcommittee.
 - b. **Rules:** Darryl Wood, Chair of the Rules Committee stated there is one opening remaining to be filled. There is one write-in candidate who as yet has not confirmed interest in joining the group. The two primary functions of the Rules Committee are to review and confirm standard operating procedures in the Fall and conduct elections in the Spring.
 - c. **Professional Development:** Chairman Ed Chidester stated the goal of the Committee is to formulate a plan that will assist professional staff of the University in reaching personal career goals on campus. Ed pointed out the Strategic Plan clearly states the University's goal of promoting professional development and stated this is an opportune time for PEC to make advancements in that area. It was suggested a good Brown Bag topic might be a review of educational opportunities for employees that currently exist on campus. Jean Dorak, Sharon Santobuono, Dave Stone, I Fang Wu and Bob Mess all volunteered for this committee.
 - d. **Distinguished Award Committee:**
Chair Lisa Gilroy was excused. No committee report.

IV. Old Business

- V. Professional Development Fund Raising.** There was discussion regarding whether Professional Development Fund Raising should be a separate committee or remain part of the Professional Development Committee. By unanimous vote, it was agreed Professional Development Fund Raising will be a subcommittee of the Professional Development Committee. Dave Stone reported Foundation accounts have been created for PEC and will soon be available for our use. Once available, PEC can continue with such projects as payroll deduction contributions from members for Professional Development.
- VI. Disbursement of Professional Development Funds – new ad hoc committee?** An ad hoc group for disbursement of professional development funds has been formed. The Co-chairs will be Dave Stone and Jeff Gates; committee members include Darryl Wood and Joe Goldman
- VII. PEC Sponsored Golf Tournament.** Jean Dorack reported the event will be held September 29 at Vestal Hills Golf Course. The goal is to have 36 teams participate. Jean shared a draft of the event flyer and all present agreed the flyer was well done and looked very professional.

VIII. New Business

- a. Goals for the New Year** - Chair Altmansberger stated the Goals and Objectives from last year would be discussed at the next PEC meeting. She requested members review them prior to the next meeting where short-term goals will be established. The Goals and Objectives can be found on the PEC website.
- b. Suggestions for questions to ask President DeFleur.** Each fall a representative from PEC meets with President DeFleur. Cindy asked the Council to think about what questions they would like the committee to bring up with President DeFleur. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

IX. Next Meeting

The **next meeting** of the Professional Employees Council will be on **Wednesday, August 10**, from **2:30 - 4:00 p.m. in AB234 (second floor SON)**.

On a motion by Don Guido and second by Sharon Santobuono, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 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 Liz Abate, or PEC Chair, Cindy Altmansberger (caltman@binghamton.edu).