



**Professional Employees Council
Binghamton University**

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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES COUNCIL

Date – March 8th, 2006

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. - Couper Administration Building, AD 148

Present: C. Altsmansberger, D. Cavallucci, J. Dorak, S. Dvorsky, J. Goldman, D. Guido, D. Hawkins, J. Kroll, M. Nostrom, K. Riley, S. Santobuono, D. Stone, J. Walker, I. Fang Wu, J. Yaples, V. Young.

Excused: E. Abate, E. Chidester, D. Felix, J. Gates, L. Gilroy, D. Martin, K. Schnauber, D. Slattery, D. Wood.

Absent: B. Jenson.

I. Approval of Minutes

The 02/22/06 minutes were approved. Dave motioned, Sharon 2nd.

II. Announcements

-BU Advocacy Day is March 28th. Orientation will be held on March 21st.

-A table has been reserved on the concourse for the PEC Relay for Life team. 12 team members are desired.

-The Chris Klimuszka Benefit will be held on Sunday, April 2nd from 12-4pm at the American Legion Post 80 (76 Main Street, Binghamton). Dinner will be served until 4pm. Music and raffle until 6pm. A Jeep will also be raffled off.

III. Other

Rodger Summers joined the group and addressed PEC's concerns and questions. He first updated the group on some issues of interest. The first was the potential renovation and construction of some residential buildings. There is a project team, core group, and consulting group who are reviewing the best strategy for updating Dickinson and Newing. Their options are to either renovate to meet code, renovate and modernize, or tear down and build new. An answer to this issue should be available by the end of this semester.

-Another possible construction project is the East Gym as it is highly overcrowded. There is a steering committee and project team looking into how it can be made more usable and attractive at the same time.

-Rodger explained what Alcohol.edu is and said that 95% of new students completed this 3 hour online course. The company who developed this tool is very impressed with BU's results.

-He went on to explain that the BU Foundation is linked to the University Plaza, but Ambling Corp. actually runs and owns it. The rent is paid through the student accounts office.

-Vice President Summers addressed professional development, specifically in his unit by telling us that he highly encourages staff development opportunities. He budgets funds specifically for employee training and professional development. He sponsors an annual division meeting with staff development training implemented into the meeting. He encourages his Directors to allow employees at all levels to participate in activities such as PEC.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

**a. Communications – Liz Abate, Co-Chair
Mike Nostrom, Co-Chair**

-No report.

b. Rules – Daryl Wood, Chair

-Election dates are being set up at this time.

c. Professional Development – David Stone, Chair

-A brown bag session on Time Management took place on March 7th. It was a success.

-Discussion took place as to whether or not a letter should be sent to President DeFleur asking if she would be willing to support our professional development funds since we have begun earning funds on our own. It was decided to try to get something out to her before her presence at our March 22nd meeting.

-**Disbursement Sub-committee** – will meet soon.

d. Professional Recognition, Lisa Gilroy, Chair

-No report.

V. New Business

President DeFleur will speak at our next meeting.

VI. Old Business

No old business.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 22nd at 3:00pm in AD 148.

On motion by Sharon, and seconded by Don the meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm.

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 pec@binghamton.edu.