

## **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES COUNCIL**

### **NOTES**

Date- August 9, 2006

2:30-4:00 p.m.-AD-148, Couper Administration Building

**Present:** Cavallucci, D., Deligato, Y., Gates, J., Goldman, J., Guido, D., Hanford, T., Harris, G., Lane, M., Martin, M., Monroe, J., Orlovsky, S., Santobuono, S., Wood, D.

**Excused Absences:** Altmansberger, C., Gilroy, L., Hoefner, G., Verhoeven, C.

**Unexcused Absences:** Calegari, K., Cannone, D., Chidester, E., Gregory, K., Kroll, J., Nostrom, M., Slattery, D., Subramanian, A., Whyte, Y.

#### **I. Changes for the Minutes**

Minutes for July 12<sup>th</sup> will be approved next meeting.

#### **II. Announcements**

Listserv for PEC will be updated hopefully by next meeting; Mike Nostrom will be contacted to see if he can do this.

Students will be returning soon.

Admissions has completely closed the class.

#### **III. Committee Reports**

##### **a. Communications – Joe Goldman reporting.**

Next meeting for communication will be held Friday 8/18.

##### **b. Rules- Darryl Wood**

End of year report was sent for rules. Standard Operating procedures can be changed by council at any time, let Darryl know if you would like anything changed.

##### **c. Professional Development – Don Guido**

Nothing new at present. Jeff Gates asked to speak about PEC Golf Tournament.

There was a big storm and most teams were only able to finish about 5 holes. There was a power outage and therefore there was no dinner. The Tournament will be reheld on September 28<sup>th</sup>, a firm update will come from Sara Declemente.

##### **d. Committee on Professional Recognition- Lisa Gilroy**

Nothing new.

#### **IV. Old Business Discussion**

#### **V. New Business**

Jeffery Gates would like to welcome all new members and say thank you to all past members. Work on PEC's yearly calendar has begun. The President and Vice Presidents have been firmed up. We will form some questions for them ahead of time at PEC meetings, one example of something to ask about would be the Downtown Center and

how PEC can help. We will be taking recommendations from members for other meetings. One suggestion was to schedule a meeting at ITC.

Jeff spoke on Undergraduate Admissions: 2200 incoming freshman and 800 transfers. Our average SAT score is now 1265 up from 1240. Many colleges in the US had a drop in SAT but we went up! The average High School GPA increased from 92-93 and our class is as diverse as it has ever been. Approximately 14 to 15% are from out of state. The writing portion of the SAT was not used to determine admission this year but next year it will be publicized. With Admissions new computer program they are able to see the essay that students wrote on the writing portion of the SATs. It allows for comparison with the typed essay that the students do with their application. Admission has always looked at everything but this adds another dimension to it, it adds to the fact that it is not just a numbers game. There were about 26,000 total applications, making Binghamton one of the most selective public institutions in the country. Another meeting suggestion was made by Darryl Wood to have a meeting on graduate enrollment: where it is, where it would like to be.

#### **VI. Next Meeting**

August 23<sup>rd</sup> 3:00-4:30 p.m. We will ask Sara to address us regarding the golf tournament.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m. Don Guido, Debra Cavallucci.

Afterwards another meeting topic was suggested informally. It was suggested that we ask Wayne Schneider to make a presentation on University vehicle regulations: Does the University have any strategic plan regarding this, especially with gas prices increasing.