

# **Professional Employees Council**

## **Notes**

Date- March 7th 2007

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

**Present:** Calegari, K., Cavallucci, D., Gates, J., Goldman, J., Hanford, T., Hoefner, G., Lane, M., Martin, M., Monroe, J., Orlovsky, S., Santobuono, S., Slattery, D., Wood, D.

**Excused Absence:** Altmansberger, C., Deligato, Y., Guido, D., Harris, G., Nostrom, M., Whyte, Y.

**Unexcused Absence:** Cannone, D., Chidester, E., Gilroy, L., Kroll, J., Subramanian, A., Verhoeven, C.

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

February 21st minutes approved, Maryann and Sharon.

### **II. Announcements**

Chancellor Ryan is leaving in May

March 28, 2007 is our spring constituency meeting and mentor/mentee luncheon, TAU Bearcat Room, Events Center. It will be announced whether there is a cost associated with this event.

September 20, 2007 is the golf tournament- SAVE THE DATE.

Banner is still moving forward on schedule, imaging went online with Health services already, luminous will be up by the end of summer. By Fall 08' everything will be up and running.

VP search is starting fly-in interviews for position.

New Dean for Watson June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **III. Committee Reports**

#### **a. Communications- Joe for Mike Nostrom**

Nothing to report

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

Nothing to report

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

Nothing to report

#### **c. Committee on Professional Recognition- Lisa Gilroy, Sharron reporting**

Nomination forms are out and due in April.

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

Enjoy the city books did well and we will get a full count next meeting.

Sara has called on the Bonton Coupon books which we would sell for five dollars.  
Waiting for a call back.

Golf Tournament- have to put deposit down by Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>. Brochure will be done shortly, if anyone wants to start asking for donations go ahead.

If anyone has any other fundraising ideas let Sara know.

Does foundation require us to document in kind gifts? YES!

Memo to VP- Sylvia did draft memo to him and we should be getting the clarification by the end of the week.

Downtown center- will impact students and faculty, will alleviate some class space, still looking for clarification on parking plan, about 130 parking spaces.

\$2500 to award for PDA awards

Spring meeting- Geri has ordered the lunch, we will pay \$3.00 for the lunch. It is 12-1 in Tau Bearcat room. Hot lunch. Encourage people to come we want a strong attendance. Jeff is the guest speaker at this time.

Summer hires have been posted online under professional jobs. They have to be current students but not necessarily here. The positions are Mon-Thur 32 hr. a week.

## **V. New Business**

None

## **VI. Other**

President DeFleur

Advocacy Day-

Thank you for going, we had beautiful displays that said Binghamton=results. 618 people came from Stonybrook-groups too large, some students had obnoxious shirts.

We on the other hand came off well. Our students were articulate and professional. Stonybrook's president said 'next year we'll do things differently.'

We're in a very competitive environment, a lot of push for- are you doing a good job? People do recognize the importance of education but there is apprehension about how to pay for it, which schools will you get in to. We not only need to bring the best applications to Binghamton but the best fits.

Applications from other states and countries has grown drastically- it shows how well known we are getting. This year we have had the highest proportion of Out of state students. We are doing special marketing to get Binghamton's reputation and

visibility out there, partly why D1 was so important to us. Both to associate people athletically and academically.

Visibility, Recognition and Reputation.

We have recently had an increase of news releases

There has been a higher demand from students and apps have increased.

Plan on growth of 200 to 250 a year depending on state component

State is in good shape, there are resources out there, they are positive towards SUNY.

We want some money for some targeted high need areas and monies to add to the schools intellectual depth- empire innovation.

Just received Center of Excellence designation.

On schedule and on budget with Downtown center.

The new Engineering and Science building at ID on the fast track.

Old UU renovations will be coming.

Plaza deck will be finished in spring then we will go down the center of campus with the pavers.

We are working on a more attractive and functional campus.

Newing and Dickinson have a planning committee, this renovation or rebuild will cause significant debt and it is logistically very difficult to figure out.

University plaza is at a 95% occupancy, starbucks is going in there.

Academic programs-

-Certain areas we want to grow

-we want to add new programs

-most doctoral universities have between 8-10 colleges or schools.

-ABA feasibility study taking place this fall regarding a law school on campus.

-Syracuse, Buffalo and Cornell will fight this but we want to move that way.

-Want to increase faculty and staff to maintain quality.

Professional Development

-New approach, working on enhancing.

Will continue to advocate for a good budget, 75-80% involves enrollment. Research funding is different for us. 30 million for us, 150 million for Albany. Private fundraising is also very important. We just had our first campaign and are starting another. Spitzer wants more of that. Need to keep pushing, need to establish a tradition of giving.

The more that we are recognized the more people will want to give.

We're beyond being a solely state supported institution.

Chancellor's resignation

-Interested because Spitzer wants to put a major focus on higher education and they're going to want their person in there. Matt Goldstein the head of CUNY is friends with Spitzer and he might move in during this transition.

## **VII. Next Meeting**

March 21st, 2007: AD 148 3-4:30

Meeting adjourned Sharon and Tom.