

Professional Employees Council

Notes

Date- April 4, 2007

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

Present: Cannone, D., Cavallucci, D., Deligato, Y., Gates, J., Guido, D., Martin, M., Monroe, J., Orlovsky, S., Wood, D.

Excused Absence: Altmansberger, C., Calegari, K., Gilroy, L., Harris, G., Lane, M., Nostrom, M., Santobuono, S., Slattery, D., Verhoeven, C., Whyte, Y.

Unexcused Absence: Chidester, E., Goldman, J., Hanford, T., Hoefner, G., Kroll, J., Subramanian, A.

I. Changes for the Minutes

No quorum to approve minutes from March 7.

II. Announcements

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

April 13-14 Relay for Life

April 20 – West Side Story (Students from Univ. Santiago will be participating) ½ of the cast is Chilean and the other ½ is BU students. Should be a wonderful production. Come and see it!

BU is in 1st place in the nation for cardboard – Recycle Mania

April 20 is Earth Day and on April 21 there will be a campus clean up in the nature areas.

III. Committee Reports

a. Communications- Mike Nostrom

No report

b. Rules- Darryl Wood

9 responses for new Council members. Nominate people to serve.

c. Professional Development- Don Guido

No report

d. Committee on Professional Recognition- Lisa Gilroy,

Nomination forms are out

IV. Old Business Discussion

Awards for PDA's will be online soon. We will talk next meeting about forming a group to review applications and to award them.

The Spring meeting was very successful. Jeff did a great presentation on the Millennials. We were within budget and had great comments. Good attendance too.

V. New Business

We wanted to entertain a motion to create a sub-committee for awarding the professional development grants. No quorum to do so. Tabled until next meeting.

VI. Other

Provost Swain came to meet with us. She talked about the University Downtown Center (please begin using this moniker for the UDC). In October there will be a reception and community walkthrough. The building will be open in August, however, there the grand reception will be in October. We need to be sure it is ready (and it is on schedule) for classes and that is our number 1 priority. We do not own the building, thus the reason why there aren't any sneak peaks during construction. In fact, we don't officially own ANY of the buildings on campus. All buildings that are funded by the state are state buildings and we operate them. We may own Clearview, but that is all.

We are using a different approach to construction projects than we have in the past. This is something that is new for the state and for Binghamton. It is called just in time construction and cuts the building time by 18 months in many cases, including the UDC building.

The new Engineering Building construction will begin very soon. Bio, Mechanical Engineering, Industrial and Systems Science and the Dean's Offices will all be housed in the new facility while CS, CoE, Engineering Design Division will stay where they currently are.

We have received Faculty Senate Approvals for the Biomedical Engineering MS/PhD program along with a series of 3 + 2 programs in Harpur/MAT (SoE).

The Law School idea is still on the table. There could be a consultant here on campus soon. This will endure a major infusion of funds. There is a market and a need for it as the cost of education continues to skyrocket, especially at the public sector. There are only 2 public law schools in the state (UB and CUNY). The program could be centered around the public sector of law.

Faculty are talking about BS in Social Work and also a PhD, MPA PhD, Romance Languages PhD and Geography PhD.

The Provost also talked about space and the University Union plans. She recognizes the challenges that we will be facing regarding programming space and class space and appreciates the thoughtfulness of the campus community as we look for solutions to these problems. We need to be creating and all pull together as we construct the space that is available to us.

Provost Swain thanked PEC for our continued efforts in serving as members of Council and all of our efforts are appreciated inside and outside of our daily job responsibilities.

VII. Next Meeting

May 18, 2007: AD 148 3-4:30

No adjournment due to no quorum