



**Professional Employees Council
Binghamton University
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MINUTES

**October 17, 2007 3:00 pm-4:30 pm
AD-148, Couper Administration Building**

Present: H. Borruso, D. Cannone, S. DeClemente, Y. Deligato, J. Dorak, G. Harris, H. Horn, B. Jenson, C. McManamon, J. Monroe, S. Orlovsky, T. Partell, D. Saunders, D. Stone, C. Verhoeven, Y. Whyte Johnson, J. Wojco, D. Wood

Excused: P. Cahill, G. Hoefner, M. Lane, J. Roth, S. Santobuono

Absent: J. Gates, T. Hanford, M. Martin, L. Morales

Guest: V.P. Sonnenfeld

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes for October 3, 2007 were approved. Darryl Wood 1st, 2nd Dave Stone

2. Announcements:

- a. Fall Constituency Meeting/PEC Luncheon is Wednesday, November 14. Please encourage people to attend.
- b. PEC meeting will be at the ITC Bldg. On Wednesday, November 28 in Room 2221. Will see if Steven Gilje can setup a tour for anyone interested. Bus pickup times will be sent out on listserv. Also, if nice day walking over is nice, the bridge is completed.
- c. UUP Benefits Fair is Thursday, November 29 from 10 am-2pm. Signup sheet passed around for PEC members to man our table. Sara has it.
- d. Darryl Wood—Professional Development Fair—May 20, 2008 in Lecture Hall from 10 am-2 pm. Suggested PEC make Plans to attend/contribute
- e. Sara DeClemente will check on a date for UNO's fund raiser. Try for Wednesday or Thursday

3. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Communications: Dave Stone said the PEC listserv needs to be updated. Looking into use Blackboard to announce meetings—Tom Hanford will bring a demo to the next meeting. (Possible to use for posting meeting minutes, electronic election, communication to constituency.) At this time everyone on the Communications committee has a task assigned to them.
- b. Rules – Darryl Wood—Nothing to report at this time.
- c. Professional Development – Bonnie Jenson---committee recently met and discussed several areas:
 1. Check on the mentoring program and see if we can get more activity. Bonnie will talk to Kathy Bowman about current process and see if there is anything we can do to encourage mentoring of new staff.
 2. If anyone has suggestions for Brown Bag lunches, please e-mail Bonnie Jenson or Sara DeClemente. One idea is to again have the Graduate Program Series where interested

employees could come and learn about obtaining their degrees. Another idea is to join with EAP to do a session on Personal Safety on campus---overview---Madeline Bay from Campus Police taught.

d. Distinguished Service Award – No report

4. Old business

a. Child Care Advisory Committee Rep is Dave Cannone. He will attend meetings and report to PEC

5. New Business

a. VP Sonnenfeld attending at 3:30 pm

6. Other—Nothing

VP Sonnenfeld arrived at 3:30 pm and gave updates on the current projects.

There was an 11% increase 06-07.

Named a couple grants:

1. Dr. Hacker—Historian—grant to study decrease in fertility in the last 100 years in U.S.
2. K. Lum—received grant to study the spread of myalaria. This was a one shot try and he got the appropriation on his first try.
3. Asian/Asian American Study---this is a grant to help foreign governments survive in our environment.
4. Bio-Films—David Davis—Study is about bacteria and how it grows in layers.

Talked about new buildings that will be going up and how looking for expanding grants.

Discussed the impact on workload with all of the new grants and buildings. Will be increasing staff. Since self-funded, can add positions.

Discussed how funds are returned to departments and graduate school. Funds are returned to the Dean's and they have to be used for support of scholarly and excellence activities.

Explained about start up companies. We have 37 at present. ITC provides suite (cannot use State Funds). Once a company gets big enough they have to move out to the community. NANO and Patent Co. are examples of companies who worked out of ITC and moved into the community.

Opened for questions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm AD 148 Couper Administration Bldg.