



**Professional Employees Council  
Binghamton University**

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**PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES COUNCIL**

Date: February 6, 2008

CIW Scholars Room

**Present:** Borruso, H., Cahill, P., Deligato, Y., Mann, T., Hoefner, G., Horn, H., Jenson, B., Lane, M., Martin, M., McManamon, C., Partell, T., Rickard, J., Roth, J., Santobuono, S., Saunders, D., Stone, D., Verhoeven, C., Wojcio, J., Wood, D., Ochiai, B., Tyler, C.

**Excused:** Dorak, J., Whyte-Johnson, Y.

**Absent:** Cannone, D., DeClemente, S., Gates, J., Hanford, T., Harris, G., Monroe, J., Orlovsky, S.

**I. Approval of minutes**

On motion by Darryl, second by Carol, the minutes of the January 23rd meeting were approved.

**II. Announcements**

- February 20<sup>th</sup>- Admissions Conference Room
- Upcoming special Events
- March 19<sup>th</sup>- Spring Luncheon
- April 2<sup>nd</sup>- Meeting with president DeFleur

**III. Standing Committee Reports**

- a. **Communications**-Meeting canceled but worked on an announcement for Distinguished Service Award.
- b. **Rules**-Nothing to Report
- c. **Professional Development**-Going to set up a brown bag for the end of March. First leg of it will be on funding. Part two will feature representatives from campuses like Empire State and BCC. On May 20<sup>th</sup> the PEC will have a presence at the Professional Development Fair. We are anticipating doing the golf tournament in September again. Looking into doing UNO's again, maybe Tully's and Make and Take. Community Lawn Sale in the talk stage. Bonnie wants to start going on Mentor program again. Professional Development Award looking to make it clearer. No numbers fro Enjoy the City yet.
- d. **Distinguished Service Award**- Erik Colon reporting- We are currently seeking nominations for Distinguished Service Awards.

**IV. Old Business**

**V. New Business**

Faculty Senate- They have reviewed and approved a Master of Student Affairs in Administration. They are hoping to have 18 for initial enrollment and 42 after five years. It will be under Sharon Holmes. They also

mentioned that the SUNY wide 2009 budget will request an increase in funding for graduate assistants. The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SUNY is coming up.

### **Vice President Van Voorst**

There is construction on campus in all areas, also refreshing the look of campus. Set up a beautification fund through foundation. We're in a time of growth. Downtown Center has set a tone, came in on time although it was a very aggressive plan. Science five will be near Science 3 and 4, it is on a fast track and will open November 2010. Will be put on the courtyard. UU is also an aggressive project, part of critical maintenance. Will be offline for a year and a half. The Susquehanna room will not be impacted and the UU North is also part of critical maintenance but that will come afterwards. They are hoping to connect to the New Union. The Engineering and Science building is a 60 million dollar building they are hoping to complete by 2011. East gym project- we don't have any funding for this project but we need 15 and ½ million to build on to the East Gym. East Campus project- Newing and Dickinson will be demoed and in there place will be two new communities with an additional 900 beds. Plus a collegiate center that will service both communities. We will be short about 50 beds for 2years.

Budget- we went out with a very aggressive budget. The governor however is expecting us to be 30 million more efficient. Michael McGoff heads the Operations group which evaluates budgets. Lottery money will also be invested so that we can hire more faculty.

### **VI. Next Meeting**

The **next meeting** of the Professional Employees Council will be on **Wednesday, February 20, 2008**, at 3PM.

On motion by Dave, and second by Maryanne the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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 Chair Grace Hoefner.