



**Professional Employees Council
Binghamton University**

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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES COUNCIL

Date: April 2, 2008

Present: Borruso, H., Cahill, P., Cannone, D., Deligato, Y., Dorak, J., Hanford, T., Hoefner, G., Horn, H., Lane, M., Martin, M., McManamon, C., Monroe, J., Partell, T., Rickard, J., Roth, J., Santobuono, S., Saunders, D., Stone, D., Verhoeven, C., Whyte-Johnson, Y., Wojcio, J., Wood, D., Kruman, C.

Excused: DeClemente, S.

Absent: Gates, J., Harris, G., Jenson, B., Orlovsky, S.

I. Approval of minutes

On motion by Mary Ann, second by Carol, the minutes of the March 5th meeting were approved.

II. Announcements

- April 16th meeting with VP Rose
- April 30th meeting with Eric Backlund
- May 20th Professional Development Fair
- Research Foundation has an open position.
- Empire State games are coming up and residential life is going to need about 60 volunteers.
- Council has approved sending out Research Foundation job announcements on the PEC listserv and request for volunteers for the Empire State games.

III. Standing Committee Reports

- a. **Communications-** Continuing to send out communications. Will be putting job offerings on our website.
- b. **Rules-** Nominations have gone, please nominate people!
- c. **Professional Development-** Professional Development awards at the end of April.
- d. **Distinguished Service Award-** Have met and chose recipients.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

Parking Issues- Snow lots went away, students can now park overnight are they doing overflow parking in the ramp at this time?

Labor management counted empty spaces throughout the day as a survey. There are 100's of empty spaces at any given time.

Some hang tag lots have opened to everyone.

If this is something we want to address later bring it back to committee.

Online compliance training is mandatory, workplace violence prevention is to come. Hazardous chemicals has been sent.

Questions for VP Rose

Update on his background

His vision for student affairs and anything else he'd like to address

Mary Ann- Would like us to have a meeting or brown bag on safety of employees, how we're protected, how to protect, etc.

Have Chris Knickerbocker talk about strengths quest, what it is, how it's used on campus.

President Defleur

Commencement- Will be held at Events Center- First ever fall commencement is now a new tradition. Very significant event for students, many of our students are the first in their family to graduate from college.

Banner- is crucial to the university, there has been another breach of personal info, really pushing for random identifier.

Admissions- Has seen a 25% increase over the past few years, record breaking again this year. Our reputation is growing and we're getting increased numbers from out of state and international students. We're leading the SUNY system in terms of out of state. Management and Nursing are the two programs in the highest demand. We had the highest nursing pass rate in the state.

Law school- we haven't talked to governor Patterson yet. We need gubernatorial support. Huge undertaking. Before we talk timing we need to get it through the approval process. We'll be able to do 3+3. Buffalo and CUNY are the only two public in NYS. Labor department predicts increasing demand in law. Community support is phenomenal for this.

Flagship Stonybrook and Buffalo- they argue they are larger and more academically diverse. We are one of the smallest doctoral research center in the nation.

Stonybrook plans to develop a multicampus university want to grow from 23-27,000.

Buffalo wants to grow 40,000 want 500 new faculty.

What's missing here is quality, we're on top when it comes to quality.

We're advocating that it's not appropriate we're on a saner course. We must increase the quantity and quality of our graduate programs. We also need to do more private funding. We have received a designation as a center of excellence.

Spitzer wanted to be the educational governor, that has all been replaced. We will have a reduction. We need to continue to move through this. During this period it's important to be strong in our advocacy. We are the largest employer in this area.

VI. Next Meeting

The **next meeting** of the Professional Employees Council will be on **Wednesday, April 16, 2008**, at 3PM.

On motion by Sharon, and second by Holly 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.