PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY PLANNING & INFORMATION MEETING
December 9, 2003
Noon to 12:30 p.m.

Executive Members Present: Stacie Gomm, Marsha Howell, Eugene Higham, Jay Greene, Debra Parrish, Betsy Newman, Bryan Earl

Executive Members not Present: Dale Smith, Liz Allred, Miriam Cajal, LuAnn Parkinson, and Rory Weaver, Teresa McKnight

Other Professional Employees Present:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Scholarship/Endowment – Betsy**

  - PEA Scholarship Committee Update: We are receiving approximately $300 a month in donations. We discussed rather to increase the number of scholarships or keep the same and raise the dollar amount. Marsha Howell proposed that we keep the number at six scholarships and to raise the money to $800 when possible. Stacie Gomm seconded. All in favor

- **Professional Development –** (Liz and Miriam excused for Brown Bag Luncheon)

- **Professional Relations – Gene**

  We need nominations for Quarterly Employee.

- **Parking Committee – Bryan**

  No new news

- **Health Committee: Jay**

  Monthly Meeting cancelled

- **Calendaring Committee – Stacie**

  Don't forget to plan for the cruise. http://cc.usu.edu/~stacieg/peacruise.html

General Information: (Jay Greene)

Jay reported on his visit to University of Utah. Mirian Olsen went with him. We don't really want to wait for the U of U to catch up with us. Our understanding of them taking the lead in the Legislature not really apparent. The members on their PEA committee all come from

other committees. It is one of their responsibilities of their other committees to be on the PEA board. They have 21 members on their board. They have the ruling if they miss a meeting they can be booted off the committee, but Jay found that they had never followed through with it.

Discussed that form letters are not the way to contact or make influence on Legislature. USU PEA will again send a letter to Legislature. Jay suggested that we all write individual letters making them personal to each of our own situations and to remember thanking them for not cutting our pay last year. Personal stories have more impact.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 for Brown Bag Luncheon.