

To: FCSM Electorate

Members of the FCSM College Council

Acting Dean: David Vanko; **Acting Associate Dean:** Howard Kaplon; **Biological Sciences:** Sarah Haines, Harald Beck; **Chemistry:** Alan Pribula, Ryan Sours; **Computer Science:** Yuanqiong Wang, Siddarth Kaza; **Mathematics:** Honi Bamberger, Gail Kaplan; **Physics, Astronomy, & Geosciences:** Rajeswari Kolagani, Phuoc Ha; **At Large:** Brian Fath (Biological Sciences), James Saunders (MB3); **Students:** A. Mickey Dehn (Graduate Student), Derek Morgan (Undergraduate Student)

FCSM Department Chairs

FCSM Secretaries – Please post one copy

Member-at-Large of the University Senate: Jay Zimmerman, Mathematics

MINUTES OF THE FCSM COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

December 11, 2009

The FCSM College Council met in Smith Hall, room 306, at 1:30 p.m.; Ryan Sours, Chairperson presiding.

Attendance: Howard Kaplon, Sarah Haines, Harald Beck, Alan Pribula, Ryan Sours, Yuanqiong Wang, Honi Bamberger, Gail Kaplan, Rajeswari Kolagani, Phuoc Ha, Brian Fath, James Saunders, A. Mickey Dehn, Derek Morgan

Absent: – Siddarth Kaza - notified Council in advance

1. Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair, Ryan Sours.
2. Minutes from the November 13, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. Announcements from College Council Chair, Ryan Sours
 - a) David Vanko, Ryan Sours, and Kris Phillips met on November 16 to discuss the Smith Hall Expansion and Renovation Plan (Part 1), to be completed in 2017. A portion of the 70,000 gross square feet of allocated space is “soft”, and the allocation could potentially be increased if adequately justified during Part II of the process. Bidding for design consultants will take place in January 2010.
4. Announcements from Acting Dean, David Vanko
 - a) New programs
 - BS in IT was approved by the Board of Regents; now at MHEC; Morgan State University has petitioned MHEC claiming that TU’s program duplicates an existing program at MSU
 - “UMBI TU Center for STEM Excellence” will officially come into existence on January 13, 2010 and will include the acquisition of 5.5 staff positions, space, and budget from UMBI
 - NASA awarded the BEST program a second one million dollar earmark
 - TU-UMBC-BCPSS and Cherry Hill schools are collaborating to improve STEM education in Baltimore City
 - b) Grants activity
 - Since July 1, 2009, FCSM has received notification of more than \$3.6 million in external grants
 - Since July 1, 2009, FCSM has already proposed over \$7.9 million of new projects

- c) Potential future College Council items
 - College Council to take over FCSM nominations for Regents Awards
 - Dr. Roland Roberts and the Diversity Task Force to address College Council
- 5. Provost Marcia G. Welsh addressed the College Council
 - a) Budget
 - \$16-17 million cut is the worst case scenario we are preparing for
 - Elements that are not essential to TU's core mission will be cut first (vertical); Non-tenured tenure-track faculty positions are not in danger
 - Cuts that could be permanent are being encouraged as are cuts that encourage streamlining paperwork (e.g., electronic course evaluations) and cuts that create a paperless environment
 - b) Vision of TU moving towards a research intensive model
 - TU is very different from comprehensive and R1 universities, but realistically, Maryland is not going to fund another R1 institution
 - TU needs to establish a unified vision of its academic mission, especially prior to Middle States accreditation
 - We would like TU to move towards a more research intensive model, however, we will accept nothing less than excellence in teaching; to accomplish this, evaluation of scholarship needs to be broadened to include "applied scholarship" (e.g. a faculty member who achieves excellence in improving city school curricula)
 - c) In answer to a question raised by a College Council member, the Provost dispelled a rumor that obtaining a position offer elsewhere would be a criterion for early tenure. She added that promotion and tenure should be accompanied by a standard monetary raise, not a percentage of current salary.
- 6. Old Business – Collection of faculty scholarly productivity data for FCSM
 - a) Sarah Haines, chair of the subcommittee, presented a revised outline for publication tracking; minor suggestions were noted and an amended version will be sent to the Council Chair
- 7. New Business
 - a) Budget – deferred to comments made by the Provost concerning the budget

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by A. Mickey Dehn, 2009-2010 Recording Secretary