

**To: FCSM Electorate**

Members of the FCSM College Council

**Dean:** David Vanko; **Acting Associate Dean:** Howard Kaplon; **Biological Sciences:** Sarah Haines, Vonnie Shields; **Chemistry:** Alan Pribula, Ryan Sours; **Computer and Information Sciences:** 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**

May 14, 2010

The FCSM College Council met in 7800 York Rd., room 418, at 1:30 p.m.; Ryan Sours, Chairperson presiding.

**Attendance:** David Vanko, Howard Kaplon, Sarah Haines, Vonnie Shields, Alan Pribula, Ryan Sours, Siddarth Kaza, Honi Bamberger, Gail Kaplan, Rajeswari Kolagani, James Saunders, A. Mickey Dehn

**Absent:** Phuoc Ha, Brian Fath – notified Council in advance; Yuanqiong Wang, Derek Morgan

1. Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair, Ryan Sours.
2. Minutes from the April 09, 2010 meeting were approved by 9 members; one member abstained.
3. Announcements from College Council Chair, Ryan Sours
  - a) New Council Members – Vanessa Beauchamp (Biological Science), Clare Muhoro (Chemistry), Nadim Alkharouf (Computer and Information Sciences/MB3), Leonid Stern (Mathematics), Kal Srour (Graduate Student), Josh Giltinan (Undergraduate Student).
  - b) Please spread the word regarding new changes to the Annual Report regarding standardized formatting of faculty scholarly productivity data. Use this new format in your June 2010 Annual Report if possible ([http://www.towson.edu/fcsm/faculty/AR Blank Form.docx](http://www.towson.edu/fcsm/faculty/AR%20Blank%20Form.docx))
4. Announcements from FCSM Dean, David Vanko
  - a) New Programs:
    - A lawsuit is pending, by friends of Morgan State, regarding the BS in IT
    - BEST – Director's position being recruited
    - TU-UMBC-BCPSS collaboration and Cherry Hill  
Joint Science Education and Mathematics Education meeting 3/16  
Summer Institutes for teachers in science education and mathematics education
    - TU Field Station – Opening Celebration – May 15<sup>th</sup>, noon to 4:00
  - b) Information items:
    - Fisher Scholars - two new scholars will be starting in the Fall 2010 (one "pre-engineering" in the Department of Physics, Astronomy and geosciences, and the other "regular" in the Department of Biological Sciences)
    - Fisher Endowed Chair – deadline for applications is July 1
    - Budget – 4% budget cut plan to include cuts in operating costs; open staff positions will stay open; self-support funds will be used to compensate for some costs

- Academic Planning – Academic Affairs, with the aid of an outside consultant, is developing an academic plan to be integrated into the university’s strategic plan
  - Online course evaluations will begin this summer
  - Parental leave policies are under discussion in Senate – best case scenario would be one semester paid maternal/paternal leave
  - EYP and Smith Hall project – final drafts are nearing submission
  - “Towson Seminars” are replacing “Using Information Effectively” courses
    - New proposals from FCSM are being solicited
    - Can be taught by tenure track and F/T faculty
    - Confusion is yet to be resolved regarding transfer credit and AP exam credit to count for freshman Towson Seminar credit
- c) Grants activity:
- Since July 1, 2009, FCSM has already received notification of over \$4.6M in external grants
  - Since July 1, 2009, FCSM has already proposed 59 new projects for \$15.7M of funding
  - 46 different proponents (out of about 130 FT T/TT faculty members)
5. Old Business
- a) Clicker technology
- Raj will be collecting input from other colleges regarding initiating a university-level request for standardizing in-class student response devices (“clickers”)
  - Raj will provide an update to the College Council in Fall 2010
6. New Business
- a) Elections of officers for the 2010-11 College Council – in all cases, the officer elect listed below was the sole nominee and was voted into the position by a vote of 10-0-0.
- Chair – Honi Bamberger
  - Vice Chair – Sarah Haines
  - Recording Secretary - Siddarth Kaza
  - Corresponding Secretary - Rajeswari Kolagani (\*if Raj is not the returning PAGS representative to the College Council, a new election for this position will be held in the Fall)
- b) Suggested agenda items for Fall 2010 College Council
- Update from Raj on clicker technology
  - Developing a diversity plan for FCSM
  - Update strategic plan
  - Possible invitees to address the Council – new assessment coordinator, DECO, BRAC coordinator, new BEST director, liaison from HCC, Jeff Schmidt (OTS)
  - Tasking the Council with nominations for USM Regent Awards
    - Process needs to be initiated early in Fall 2010 semester
    - Council’s role would be to solicit and discuss recommendations
    - Members of the Council can be nominated, but not involved in discussion of their nomination

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.

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