

**To: FCSM Electorate**

Members of the FCSM College Council:

**Acting Dean:** Howard Kaplon ; **Biology:** Harald Beck, Vonnie Shields; **Chemistry:** Ryan Casey, Ryan Sours; **Computer Science:** Robert Hammell, Harry Zhou; **Mathematics:** Honi Bamberger, Gail Kaplan; **Physics, Astronomy, & Geosciences:** Rajeswari Kolagani, Vera Smolyaninova; **At Large:** Brian Fath (Biology), Angel Kumchev (Math); **Students:** Amanda Haapala (PAGS), Joe Norris (BIOL)

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**

October 5, 2007

The FCSM College Council met in SM 306, at 1:20 p.m.; Vonnie Shields, Council Chair presiding.

**Attendance:** Bamberger, Beck, Casey, Fath, Kaplan, Kolagani, Kumchev, Norris, Shields, Smolyaninova, Sours

**Guest:** Steven Lev

**Absent:** Hammell, Kaplon, Haapala, Srivastava

Interim Provost, Jim Clements, talked with the FCSM College Council to address questions surrounding the resignation of Dean Gerald Intemann. Provost Clements let the Council know that he had met with the Chairs earlier in the day to get their ideas for an Interim Dean. The hope is that a new Dean would be in place by July 1, 2008. Provost Clements opened the floor up to questions and asked that any concerns be directed to him.

1. The Minutes from the September 7, 2007 meeting were approved, unanimously, without correction.
2. Announcements from the Acting Dean: None. The Council Chair was notified in advance of Howard Kaplon's absence.
  - Angel Kumchev, Interim Member-at-Large was introduced and welcomed.
  - Don Thomas, Hackerman Academy Director, has been approached to share at a future FCSM Council Meeting.
  - Guy Davis has been asked to talk with the Council about the Career Center
3. Discussion Items:
  - Joe Norris contacted the GSA about the parking situation for TA's. His idea is to have a shuttle to go from Lutherville to Towson University, which would ease the parking situation on campus and provide an inexpensive means for students to get onto campus. Students would use their One Card.
  - Joe Norris contacted TU's Energy Activists, but has not heard back from them.

- Joe Norris compared the salaries and benefits that TA's get at Texas State University with those given at Towson. At Texas State salaries average \$1200.00 - \$1500.00 a month and the cost of living is 24% less than that in Baltimore.
- Songchul Hong provided the Council with an update about electronic elections. He is hoping to have this running before the end of the calendar year. Angel Kumchev suggested that Howard Kaplon be contacted for assistance with this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Honi J. Bamberger, Recording Secretary  
FCSM College Council