

To: FCSM Electorate

Members of the FCSM College Council:

Acting Dean: David Vanko; **Biology:** Harald Beck, Vonnie Shields; **Chemistry:** Ryan Casey, Ryan Sours; **Computer Science:** Robert Hammell, Rajesh Srivastava; **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

December 7, 2007

The FCSM College Council met in YR 7800, room 459, at 1:30 p.m.; Vonnie Shields, Council Chair presiding.

Attendance: Bamberger, Beck, Casey, Fath, Haapala, Kaplan, Kaplon, Kolagani, Kumchev, Norris, Shields, Srivastava, Smolyaninova, Sours, Vanko

Guest: Guy Davis, Director of Career Center

Absent: Robert Hammell (Council Chair notified in advance)

The FCSM Council meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Dr. Vonnie Shields, Chair.

Each council member introduced him or herself to Acting Dean David Vanko prior to the Dean's announcements. This was Dean Vanko's first meeting with the FCSM Council.

1. The minutes from the November 2, 2007 meeting were approved, unanimously, without correction.
2. Announcements from Acting Dean David Vanko
 - a. The Fall Forum, November 30, 2007, was nicely attended. Mentioned at the meeting were initiatives dealing with: grants, gifts, space, enrollment, and new faculty positions.
 - b. Provost Jim Clements received an extra half million dollars of educational funds. It is expected that the FCSM will receive approximately \$76,500.00. Chairs from each Department met to discuss the distribution of these funds.
 - c. Chairs also met to discuss the \$67,000.00 of Fisher endowment funds to determine which proposals would be funded. Dean Vanko discussed the challenge of generating a rubric to evaluate future proposals so that increases in future funds get appropriately utilized.
 - d. The building at 7400 York Road has been acquired by the University but there are no specific plans to move offices into this building.

3. Announcements from College Council Chair, Dr. Vonnie Shields

- a. New dates for the FCSM College Council were given: February 1, 2008 at Smith 306; March 7, 2008 at YR 7800; April 4, 2008 Smith 306; and May 2, 2008 YR 7800.
- b. New Dates for the FCSM College Executive Committee were given: January 25, 2008; February 29, 2008; March 28, 2008; and May 28, 2008
- c. Amanda Haapala, student member on the Council was thanked for her service. Ms. Haapala graduates in December and a new undergraduate representative to the FCSM College Council will need to be found.

4. Discussion Items

- a. Harald Beck asked why there was no voting procedure for either the undergraduate or graduate student representatives. The discussion ended with a decision to find someone to replace Amanda Haapala now and then discuss at a later date other means for bringing new students onto the Council.
- b. Invited guest, Guy Davis, Director of the Career Center, provided the Council with a brief history of his background, services that the center currently provides, and services that the center can provide the FCSM College. Guy Davis also discussed the BRAC initiative and the impact that this might have on services the center provides.
- c. Dean David Vanko discussed the future strategic plan for the FCSM. The Council of Chairs has been asked to do an initial assessment of the current plan which would then be given to the FCSM Council. The Council will use this assessment and the current 2003 – 2008 FCSM Strategic Plan to develop a proposed 2008 – 2010 FCSM Strategic Plan.
- d. Dean David Vanko shared his ideas on the roles of the Chair's Council and the FCSM Council. He envisions that these two groups would work in a similar way as the Senate and House of Representatives to make policies and decisions for the College.
- e. Ryan Sours asked about the Associate Dean search. Provost Jim Clements recommended that Howard Kaplon continue in this position for another year. Mr. Kaplon agreed to serve, ending the search.

5. New Business

- a. Brian Fath asked that we invite Terry Cooney, Chair of the General Education Review Committee and Dean of Liberal Arts, to the February FCSM meeting.
- b. When the lack of parking for undergraduates was brought up, Vera Smolyaninova talked about the problems that her students have had in getting to class on time.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Honi J. Bamberger, Recording Secretary
FCSM College Council