

**To: FCSM Electorate**

Members of the FCSM College Council:

**Acting Dean:** David Vanko; **Biological Sciences:** Sarah Haines, Vonnie Shields; **Chemistry:** David Larkin, Ryan Sours; **Computer Science:** Yuanqiong (Kathy) Wang, Harry Zhou; **Mathematics:** Honi Bamberger, Gail Kaplan; **Physics, Astronomy, & Geosciences:** Rajeswari Kolagani, Vera Smolyaninova; **At Large:** Susan Gresens (Biological Sciences), Angel Kumchev (Mathematics); **Students:** Michael Davis (Physics, Astronomy, & Geosciences), Joe Norris (Biological Sciences)

FCSM Department Chairs

FCSM Secretaries – Please post one copy

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

The FCSM College Council met in YR 7800, room 459, at 1:30 p.m. on March 7, 2008; Vonnie Shields, Council Chair presiding.

**Attendance:** David Vanko, Howard Kaplon, Sarah Haines, Vonnie Shields, David Larkin, Ryan Sours, Kathy Wang, Harry Zhou, Honi Bamberger, Rajeswari Kolagni, Vera Smolyaninova, Susan Gresens, Angel Kumchev, Michael Davis, Joe Norris

**Absent:** Gail Kaplan (Council Chair notified in advance)

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

1. The minutes from the February 1, 2008 meeting were approved, unanimously, without correction.
2. Announcements from Acting Dean Vanko
  - a. Destination Towson and Open House events are forthcoming
  - b. Provost Jim Clements will be speaking with each college. On March 14, 2008 he will be speaking with the FCSM College Council at 11:45 a.m. in SM 306 and then with members of the College at 1:30 p.m. in SM 356
  - c. The following FCSM successes were shared:
    - Successful press conference announcing the \$141,000.00 Federal Earmark for the forensic chemistry institute. President Caret, Provost Clements, Senator Cardin, Congressman Sarbanes were among the speakers.
    - Hackerman Academy Chocolate Event on February 9<sup>th</sup> was well attended. So far 1150 participants have attended Hackerman Academy Saturday Morning Science Series events.
    - Five students in Actuarial Science and Risk Management passed their national exam, which is a great Achievement.
    - TU and the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute have made significant progress in developing a partnership to facilitate research opportunities for TU faculty and students and teaching opportunities for UMBI researchers.
    - Felice Shore received \$95,000.00 from the Baltimore Community Foundation for her Middle Grades Partnership project, an extension of the work she's been doing at Calverton Middle School.

- Towson University students presented nine research posters at the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis, in connection with the Council of University Faculty's "Student Research Days." Among the presentations were three from Physics, Astronomy & Geosciences and one from the Applied Mathematics Laboratory.
  - A very successful Women in Science Forum was held on March 1<sup>st</sup> with approximately 100 people in attendance.
  - On March 6<sup>th</sup> Dean Vanko met with three of the current five members of the new FCSM Board of Advisors. Members of this board are from AAI, IBM, McCormick, Perdue Farms, and Aberdeen Proving Grounds.
  - On March 7<sup>th</sup> the new University STEM steering committee had its first meeting. This committee is co-chaired by Don Thomas, Director of the Hackerman Academy, and Associate Provost Kate Denniston.
- d. The proposals for the Fisher Endowment money are due on April 1, 2008.
- e. Terri Hall conducted the first STEM leadership session on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Mike Davis attended this meeting. The next meeting will be held on April 4, 2008. Reaching out to transfer students will be a topic of discussion.

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

The electronic election system developed by Sungchul Hong has been completed. This will be tried out, by Council members at the end of the April 4, 2008 FCSM College Council meeting.

### 4. Discussion Items

After beginning a discussion about the Strategic Plan by looking at this document goal by goal it was decided that members of the Council would form small groups and look at the goals. The groups are:

- Kathy Wang and Gail Kaplan (goal 1)
- Angel Kumchev and Vonnie Shields (goal 2)
- David Larkin, Susan Gresens and Joe Norris (goal 3)
- Rajeswari Kolagan, Ryan Sours and Mike Davis (goal 4)
- Sarah Haines and Harry Zhou (goal 5)
- Honi Bamberger and Vera Smolyaninova (goal 6)

Groups will report back to the FCSM College Council at the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Honi J. Bamberger, Recording Secretary  
FCSM College Council