

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

March 12, 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, Alan Pribula, Ryan Sours, Yuanqiong Wang, Honi Bamberger, Gail Kaplan, Phuoc Ha, Brian Fath, James Saunders, A. Mickey Dehn

Absent: Sarah Haines, Vonnie Shields, Siddarth Kaza, Rajeswari Kolagani, Derek Morgan – all notified Council in advance

1. Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair, Ryan Sours.
2. Minutes from the December 11, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved. Minutes from the February 19, 2010 meeting were approved by 10 members. One abstained.
3. No announcements from College Council Chair, Ryan Sours
4. Announcements from FCSM Dean, David Vanko
 - a) New Programs:
 - The BS in IT was **approved by MHEC**
 - At UMBI, the Education & Outreach group is now a unit of the TU Center for STEM Excellence, and is **now part of TU/FCSM**
 - BEST – the Director’s position will soon be advertised
 - Fisher College and College of Education people have been forging a TU-UMBC-BCPSS collaboration around STEM educational efforts in Cherry Hill
 - (1) FCSM held a Joint Science Education and Mathematics Education meeting on 3/16
 - (2) FCSM is planning some sort of Summer Institutes for selected Cherry Hill teachers
 - TU Field Station – Opening Celebration – DELAYED TO May 15th, noon to 4:00
 - b) Information items:
 - This year’s new P&T dossier guidelines worked very well
 - (1) One item was inadvertently left out – a record of all merit decisions. The College P&T committee seeks approval of College Council to add this item
 - (2) A motion was made to include a record of all relevant departmental merit decisions in the candidates’ P&T dossiers. The motion was passed with three members voting in favor, two against, and four abstaining.
 - Fisher Scholarships have been offered to two candidates selected by the scholarship committee
 - The funds to support a new Fisher Endowed Chair have been supplemented with a new donation of \$30,000 from the Robert M. Fisher Memorial Foundation, Inc.

- Budget
 - Lecturer positions are being continued next year, although the resources to pay for them may include departmental funds
- Course fees
 - Course fee expenditures are being looked at by the university RPAC committee
 - We are requesting that several new courses be added to the list for fee collection
- Employee evaluations this year are being looked at carefully by the President; specifically, what proportion of evaluations is “outstanding?” Academic Affairs’ evaluations are always unusually high relative to other divisions, so we need to re-calibrate our evaluations somewhat.
- EYP (the architectural & engineering firm) and the Smith Hall project – activities were snow delayed but all are now working hard
 - We are defining “Communities of Scholarship,” groups that tend to work closely together and, thus, would benefit from being co-located. Example: urban biogeochemistry.
- c) Grants activity:
 - Since July 1, 2009, FCSM has already received notification of over \$4.5M in external grants
 - Since July 1, 2009, FCSM has already proposed 51 new projects for over \$14.3M of funding
 - 42 different proponents (out of about 130 FT T/TT faculty members)
- 5. Old Business – Collection of faculty scholarly productivity data for FCSM
 - a) A motion was made to accept the suggested format with minor changes. The new format was adopted with 8 members voting in favor, none against, none abstaining.
- 6. New Business - Don Thomas provided an update on the activities of the Hackerman Academy
 - a) Saturday Morning Science
 - Open to all, but targets grades 2-8; buses provided to bring in students from Baltimore City
 - Exposes kids to a variety of science topics, hands-on activities, and highlights minorities in science
 - More than 10,000 have attended
 - Volunteer participation by TU professors and students (MB3, WIS)
 - b) School Visits
 - Presentations on career planning, space station
 - More than 200 schools (34,000) students have participated
 - c) Have Spacesuit Will Travel
 - Program that integrates STEM, English, and art
 - Two STEM magnet schools and one school have participated
 - d) News Exposure – dozens of newspapers, magazines, local radio and TV
 - e) Community Service – Don Thomas serves on 7 advisory boards including the Governor’s STEM Task Force
 - f) Awards – numerous awards have been received, including from Nancy Grasmick, MD State Superintendent of Schools
 - g) Grants
 - NASA BEST grant for STEM teachers
 - Fundraising events to come

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm.

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