

To: FCSM Electorate

Members of the FCSM College Council:

**Dean:** Gerald Intemann; **Associate Dean:** Katherine Denniston; **Biology:** Sarah Haines, Vonnie Shields; **Chemistry:** Ryan Casey, David Larkin; **Computer Science:** John D'Arcy, Rajesh Srivastava; **Mathematics:** Honi Bamberger, Wei Sun; **Physics, Astronomy, & Geosciences:** Rajeswari Kolagani, Vera Smolyaninova; **At Large:** Brian Fath (BIOL), Howard Kaplon (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 (MATH)

## MINUTES OF THE FCSM COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

April 13, 2007

The FCSM College Council met in SM 306, at 1:30 PM., Vonnie Shields, Council Chair presiding.

**Attendance:** Bamberger, Casey, D'Arcy, Denniston, Fath, Haapala, Kaplon, Larkin, Norris, Shields, Srivastava

**Absent:** Haines, Intemann, Kolagani, Smolyaninova, Sun

**Guest:** Sungchul Hong

1. The Minutes of the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Announcements from the Dean:
  - The Dean was not present. The Associate Dean had no announcements
3. Announcements from the Council Chair:
  - None.
4. Discussion Items:
  - Sungchul Hong met discussed the status of electronic election software
    - The last mock election trial was successful, but some wording on the software needs to be changed
    - The software is now housed in a permanent account (was in a student account)
    - Still looking into interfacing userid/passwords with TOWSONU
    - Will look into adding nomination function to software. Right now it can do only elections
  - The Council discussed passing fixed meeting times for committees of the Council
    - Curriculum committee is the only one likely to require a predetermined, fixed meeting time due to large membership
    - Motion (Kaplon): The curriculum committee will meet on the second Friday of the month at 1:00 PM
      - Passed unanimously

- Joe Norris updated the Council about issues relating to graduate stipends.
  - UMCP provides the same health benefits to graduate assistants as employees
  - Suggestion to talk with the Faculty Association since it is believed that they are pushing for benefits for part time faculty. May be able to team up with them and push for benefits for graduate assistants.
  - Suggested gathering data to compare stipends with other USM institutions and Towson's peer institutions, including breakdowns by discipline
  - Graduate student compensation was deemed an important issue for the Council to consider as it relates to recruitment of graduate students into our programs
  - Suggested Joe Norris work with GSA to gather these data.
- Council members are requested to bring potential agenda items to the May meeting for consideration in AY07-08.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Casey, Recording Secretary  
FCSM College Council