

To: FCSM Electorate

Members of the FCSM College Council:

**Dean:** Gerald Intemann; **Associate Dean:** Katherine Denniston; **Biology:** Sarah Haines, Vonnie Shields; **Chemistry:** Ryan Casey, Tim Dwyer; **Computer Science:** Sungchul Hong, Rajesh Srivastava; **Mathematics:** Honi Bamberger, Wei Sun; **Physics, Astronomy, & Geosciences:** Steve Lev, Vera Smolyaninova; **At Large:** Howard Kaplon (MATH), Jay Nelson (BIOL); **Students:** Jean-Paul Courneya (MBBB), Mike Lloyd (BIOL)

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## MINUTES OF THE FCSM COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

February 3, 2006

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

**Attendance:** Casey, Denniston, Dwyer, Hong, Intemann, Kaplon, Lev, Lloyd, Nelson, Sandifer, Shields, Srivastava

**Absent:** Bamberger, Courneya, Haines, Smolyaninova, Sun

1. The Minutes of the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Announcements from the Dean:
  - The proposed MS in Forensic Science program has been formally objected to by Villa Julie College. Towson University has submitted a rebuttal to the objection. The program has been approved by the Educational Policy Committee of the Board of Regents
  - The College Scholarship Committee has selected the first two Fisher Scholars.
  - The Dean met with the chairs of Biology, Chemistry, PAGS and the program director of MB3 to discuss the duties of the instrument support staff position that has been approved by the Provost. There are competing needs that are yet to be worked out. One possibility may be to reassess the needs for an IT support staff position and instead petition the Provost for a second instrument support staff position.
  - Update on grants and contracts:
    - FCSM has submitted 24 proposals requesting a total of approximately \$3 million.
    - We have been awarded 14 (up from 12 this time last year) for a total of \$756,000 (down from \$1.1 million this time last year).
    - Our goal for the year is to bring in \$1.6 million.
  - New initiatives being developed with Harford Community College
    - Working to offer entire TU programs in conjunction with Harford Community College, either on the Harford Campus or at the HEAT Center.
    - This is a potential mechanism for absorbing enrollment growth outside of our existing facilities.
    - This may result in the construction of a TU education center on the Harford campus.

3. Announcements from the Council Chair:

- The council needs an undergraduate student to replace Jean-Paul Courneya for Spring 2006. Nominations should be forwarded to the Chair.

4. Discussion Items:

- A program to facilitate electronic voting has been developed and is currently being tested.
- The Council agreed that tracking publications and presentations, with particular emphasis on undergraduate co-authors, will provide useful information for describing the research environment at Towson to external entities such as funding agencies. Ryan Casey will compile a list of the desired data to be collected and forward it to the Dean. The Dean will collect the data through the annual reports he requests from the Department Chairs.
- Biological Sciences has a field station position statement and has requested \$1.5 million in federal funds through the President's office. Council members are encouraged to discuss potential applications for a field station with their departments.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Casey, Recording Secretary  
CSM College Council