

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

November 2, 2007

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

Attendance: Bamberger, Beck, Casey, Fath, Hammell, Haapala, Kaplan, Kaplon, Kumchev, Norris, Shields, Smolyaninova, Sours

Guest: Don Thomas, Hackerman Academy Director

Absent: Kolagani, Srivastava, Vanko (Council Chair notified in advance)

The FCSM Council meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Dr. Vonnie Shields, Chair. In order to accommodate Dr. Don Thomas, his presentation was moved to the first agenda item.

Dr. Don Thomas, Hackerman Academy Director, presented a slide show giving the Council members an overview of the Hackerman Academy; its history and its goals. Hired from NASA, Dr. Thomas (hired in August 2007) explained three goals:

- Attract more students into STEM majors (with an initial focus on Baltimore City and Baltimore County Schools);
- Prepare teachers who can teach these disciplines; and
- Provide advanced training to teachers who are already in these fields.

Several events are already planned:

- Maryland Science Center (November 17, 2007) for middle school girls;
- Microgravity science demonstration package to be used at the Phoenix Shot Tower in Baltimore City;
- Saturday morning lecture series (6 beginning in February through April);
- School visits to talk about NASA and the space program;
- Collaboration with Morgan State University;
- Formal mentoring program including TU faculty, graduate students, and high school students

The Minutes from the October 5, 2007 meeting were approved after a change indicating that Howard Kaplon had notified the Chair of his absence.

In Acting Dean Vanko's absence, announcements from the Dean were made by the Acting Associate Dean, Howard Kaplon.

- Regional Manufacturing Institute going green with Maryland Manufacturing at Hunt Valley on November 6, 2007 (7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- Science and Technology Day, sponsored by MB3 in the Chesapeake Room of the Student Union on November 14, 2007 (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
- There may be as many as 24 PINS University-wide for the 2008-2009 academic year. On November 7, 2007 Dean Vanko will make a presentation to the Provost for new PINS for the College
- A trimester task force is being formed at the University level. Interested participants need to contact Dean Vanko
- TU Foundation has purchased 7400 York Road Building
- January Conference will focus on Middle States Accreditation process
- Deb Moriority, VP for Student Affairs, needs to be contacted to find out the protocol for when a student passes away

Announcements from Vonnie Shields, FCSM Chair

- Guy Davis will be coming to the December 7, 2007 meeting to talk with the Council about the Career Center;
- The next Executive meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 30, 2007 since the Faculty Awards Ceremony is held at 2:30 p.m. on this date;
- FCSM December 7, 2007 Council meeting will be at 7800 York Road, room 459;
- Amanda Haapala is graduating and a replacement, for one semester, needs to be found. Forward names of students to Vonnie Shields

Discussion Items

The FCSM's strategic plan is for the period 2003 – 2008. There was a suggestion to create a task force to evaluate the current plan and determine whether goals were met. Howard Kaplon suggested that Council members be on this task force. After a significant discussion Council members in attendance decided to bring this up at the December 7, 2007 meeting in order to hear Dean Vanko's ideas for this.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Honi J. Bamberger, Recording Secretary
FCSM College Council