

To: FCSM Electorate

Members of the FCSM College Council:

Dean: Gerald Intemann; **Associate Dean:** Howard Kaplon (acting); **Biology:** Harald Beck, Vonnie Shields; **Chemistry:** Ryan Casey, Ryan Sours; **Computer Science:** Robert Hammell, Harry Zhou; **Mathematics:** Honi Bamberger, Gail Kaplan; **Physics, Astronomy, & Geosciences:** Rajeswari Kolagani, Vera Smolyaninova; **At Large:** Brian Fath (BIOL), *2nd position to be elected*; **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

May 4, 2007

The FCSM College Council met in YR 459, at 1:30 PM., Vonnie Shields, Council Chair presiding.

Attendance: Bamberger, Beck, Casey, D'Arcy, Fath, Haines, Intemann, Kaplan, Kaplon, Kolagani, Larkin, Norris, Shields, Smolyaninova, Sours, Srivastava, Sun

Absent: Denniston, Haapala, Hammell, Zhou

Guest: Richard Seigel, Chair of Department of Biological Sciences

1. The Minutes of the April 13th meeting were approved with the following correction:
 - The meeting time of College Curriculum Committee will be Fridays at 1:30, not 1:00
2. Announcements from the Dean:
 - Smith Hall infrastructure evaluation: Phase 2 of the process is underway in which specific remedies will be proposed, along with a schedule and cost analysis (expected to be \$3-4 million)
 - Work is expected to be staged in the summers and winters
 - Biggest concerns are HVAC, plumbing, fire and electrical
 - Other space issues have not been resolved
 - Need more space for new Mathematics faculty (for Fall 2007)
 - Need space for Hackerman Academy
 - There was a System retreat on STEM initiatives
 - Related to VIP grant in which Towson participated
 - Discussed next steps, including funding initiatives
 - Undergraduate TA's to engage students in teaching
 - TU is proposed to receive \$100 k in recurring monies for STEM education

- Budget process for FY08
 - Resource Planning Advisory Committee is making recommendations to the President and Vice Presidents
 - \$7.5 million in new monies to be allocated, but may be less due to University System of Maryland cut for enrollment growth
 - Today Academic Affairs is presenting to RPAC
 - Asking for \$5.8 million in new monies
 - Promotion and Merit money
 - New faculty PINS (for new positions starting Academic Year 07-08)
 - New operational funds
 - TU will be hosting the Sally Ride Science Festival on June 2
3. Announcements from the Council Chair:
- FCSM committees are mostly filled
4. Discussion Items:
- Richard Seigel presented the status of the Department of Biological Sciences
 - Council members suggested potential agenda items for consideration in Academic Year 07-08.
 - Graduate student stipends/benefits
 - College committee structure evaluation
 - Role of the College Council in advising the Hackerman Academy
 - Long term source of funds for graduate student travel
 - Field station and/or other major projects to bring to the Development Office
 - Meet with student club representatives
 - Discuss frequency of future meetings with Chairs
5. Results of elections for officers of the FCSM College Council:
- Chair: Vonnie Shields (unanimous)
 - Vice Chair: Howard Kaplon (unanimous)
 - Recording Secretary: Honi Bamberger (unanimous)
 - Corresponding Secretary: Raj Kolagani (unanimous)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Casey, Recording Secretary
FCSM College Council