

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)

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Member-at-Large of the University Senate: Jay Zimmerman (MATH)

MINUTES OF THE FCSM COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

February 2, 2007

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

Attendance: Bamberger, D'Arcy, Denniston, Intemann, Fath, Kaplon, Kolagani, Larkin, Norris, Shields, Smolyaninova, Srivastava, Sun

Absent: Casey, Haapala, Haines

Guest: Chao Lu

1. The Minutes of the November 3rd meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Announcements from the Dean:
 - Out teacher education program is being reviewed for reaccreditation by NCATE. The physical and biological sciences report to NCATE failed to meet 6 of their 10 standards. An amended report has to be prepared by April 2. No word on how Mathematics fared.
 - Final draft on the Phase I report on the Smith Hall infrastructure renovation has been received setting out what needs to be done. Phase II, how problems will be addressed is under negotiation. Hope to commit \$2-4 million over next 3 years for upgrades. Will be done during summers. Most challenging aspect is air handling system—still debating what type of HVAC system.
 - No decision yet on 7800 YR space.
 - School of Technology: brining in outside consultant from Ohio State. Will be on campus Feb. 13 and 14. Will be 4 opportunities for faculty from across campus to meet with the consultant.
 - College budget request for FY08 was submitted Feb. 1. and included
 - 9 staff PINs
 - 15% increase in operating funds
 - More assistantships
 - Does not include faculty positions—separate request.
 - Sally Ride Science Fund asked Towson to host this year's meeting, which will be June 2nd. There will be approximately 30 workshops for 1000 young girls to encourage them to enter a science career.
 - There will be a diversity forum at 3 pm March 16th in SM 356.

3. Announcements from the Council Chair:

- Richard Seigel, Chair of Biology, will present the state of Biology at the last meeting of the semester.

4. Discussion Items:

- A motion was made to approve the “Patent in Scholarship” wording to be added to the college P+T document. Approved unanimously.
- Dr. Sungchul Hong updated the council on the progress of electronic elections.
 - Web site exists
 - Need a third party administrator
 - Needs to be tested—needs student help with this. Dean indicated funds can be found for this
 - Will do a test demonstration at the next council meeting
 - Not sure if it will be ready for the next council elections
- Joe Norris said that graduate assistantships are much too low—everyone agreed. Joe volunteered to find out what is typical at other institutions.

5. Thanks to David Larkin who recorded notes at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Casey, Recording Secretary
FCSM College Council