

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

December 2, 2005

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

**Attendance:** Bamberger, Casey, Courneya, Denniston, Dwyer, Haines, Hong, Intemann, Johnson, Kaplon, Lev, Nelson, Sandifer, Shields, Smolyaninova, Srivastava, Sun

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Mike Lloyd (BIOL), Sam Houston (COSC), Jane Wolfson (ESS)

1. The Minutes of the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Announcements from the Dean:
  - Current information on enrollment growth
    - Expecting approximately 325 new freshmen, 325 new transfer students, 200 new graduate students (additional admissions over AY 05-06) for AY 06-07
    - Traditionally 12% of enrollment has been in FCSM
    - FCSM is incorporating the projected enrollment growth into budget requests (instructional costs, laboratory supplies, ect.)
    - New Graduate programs (Forensic Science, Homeland Security) moving through approval process. These will account for some of the graduate enrollment growth.
      - FCSM is requesting new Graduate Assistantships to support these programs.
    - Searches are underway for new faculty and staff to support enrollment growth
      - 27 new faculty positions throughout the University; 5 in FCSM
        - Molecular and Cell Biology, Bioinformatics, Science Education (Earth Space Science), Computer Science (CIS), Applied Mathematics
      - Two new staff positions in FCSM
        - Director of the Forensic Chemistry program, Technical Support staff position for instrumentation in Smith Hall
        - FCSM also requested an IT support staff position which has not been funded but is being considered pending additional information about responsibilities of the position
    - The University is looking into offering courses off campus at sites including Frederick Community College and Harford Community College (HEAT Center)
  - Update on Fisher Scholarships: a committee is working on selecting the first recipients of the new Fisher Scholarships

3. Announcements from the Council Chair:

- Mike Lloyd will replace Tory Johnson as graduate student representative to the Council.

4. Discussion Items:

- Status report by Jane Wolfson, Director of the Environmental Science and Studies Program
  - Undergraduate program began in 1999 and has had 50 graduates so far; currently about 103 majors.
  - Graduate program began in 2002 and has 9 graduates so far; currently about 51 majors and 5 active thesis projects.
  - The ESS program completed its 5 year review last year
    - External reviewer found the degree of cooperation among participating departments and administrators to be amazing
    - Applauded strong community engagement
    - External reviewer cited weaknesses in the lack of backup for the director and the lack of dedicated space for the program
      - Some concern that cooperation is based on good will and not any formal arrangements
  - The program is introducing an Informal Environmental Education track based on needs articulated by alumni of the program
  - Dr. Wolfson is creating an advanced writing course that will be required for ESS majors, in part to get majors together in one course and foster a sense of community.
  - The graduate program has several needs
    - More support for recruitment (assistantships)
    - Space so that TA's can meet with students they are teaching or tutoring
- IT staff position: the subcommittee has been requested to provide additional details of the responsibilities envisioned for this position so that the position can be further justified to the Provost.
- Discussion of the field station was postponed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Casey, Recording Secretary  
CSM College Council