

To: FCSM Electorate

Members of the FCSM College Council

Dean: David Vanko; **Acting Associate Dean:** Howard Kaplon; **Biological Sciences:** Sarah Haines, Vonnie Shields; **Chemistry:** Alan Pribula, Ryan Sours; **Computer and Information Sciences:** Yuanqiong Wang, Siddarth Kaza; **Mathematics:** Honi Bamberger, Gail Kaplan; **Physics, Astronomy, & Geosciences:** Rajeswari Kolagani, Phuoc Ha; **At Large:** Brian Fath (Biological Sciences), James Saunders (MB3); **Students:** A. Mickey Dehn (Graduate Student), Derek Morgan (Undergraduate Student)

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

April 09, 2010

The FCSM College Council met in Smith Hall, room 306, at 1:30 p.m.; Ryan Sours, Chairperson presiding.

Attendance: David Vanko, Howard Kaplon, Sarah Haines, Vonnie Shields, Alan Pribula, Ryan Sours, Siddarth Kaza, Honi Bamberger, Phuoc Ha, Brian Fath, James Saunders, A. Mickey Dehn

Absent: Yuanqiong Wang, Gail Kaplan, Rajeswari Kolagani – notified Council in advance; Derek Morgan

1. Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair, Ryan Sours.
2. Minutes from the March 12, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. Announcements from College Council Chair, Ryan Sours
 - a) Finalized format for collection of faculty scholarly productivity data to be distributed soon
 - b) Elections for the Promotion and Tenure Committee are approaching
 - c) Recommendations for suitable graduate and undergraduate students needed for appointments to the Scholarship Committee, Curriculum Committee, and the College Council
4. Announcements from FCSM Dean, David Vanko
 - a) New Programs:
 - BS in IT is named in a lawsuit by friends of Morgan State
 - BEST – Director's position being recruited
 - TU-UMBC-BCPSS collaboration and Cherry Hill
 - Joint Science Education and Mathematics Education meeting March 16
 - Summer Institutes for teachers
 - TU Field Station – Opening Celebration – May 15, noon to 4:00
 - b) Information items:
 - Two Fisher Scholarships to be awarded - one student has accepted the scholarship; we are awaiting a reply from the second student
 - FCSM will soon be soliciting applications for a new Fisher Endowed Chair in the Biological and Physical Sciences
 - Employee ratings will be re-calibrated per the instructions of President Caret
 - EYP, a consulting company on planning new science buildings, has been having many meetings with interested and involved faculty and staff about the Smith Hall renovation and addition

- c) Grants activity:
 - Since July 1, 2009, FCSM has already received notification of over \$4.4 million in external grants
 - Since July 1, 2009, FCSM has already proposed 53 new projects for \$14.7 million of funding
 - 44 different proponents (out of about 130 FT T/TT faculty members)
- 5. New Business
 - a) Debbie Seeberger and Art King of the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity continue the Reflective Process discussion
 - Recapped the Reflective Process
 - Reflective Process Feedback
 - Goal setting – each college or department will set long term diversity goals and establish an action plan aimed at meeting these goals; the “College of Health Professions 2009-2010 Diversity Objectives, Action Steps, and Measures” was shared as an example/template
 - b) Information gathering on student response devices, aka “clicker”, technology
 - PAGS currently uses multiple types of clickers, but proposes standardizing within FCSM to keep student costs down
 - It was proposed that the issue be taken to the university level for standardization across all colleges
 - c) Dean’s homework assignment – the College Council was asked to rate the many programs in the college from 0 to 10 as to where they fit into the core mission of the College. The Council members were also asked to submit to the Dean their input on strategic planning for the College.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by A. Mickey Dehn, 2009-2010 Recording Secretary