

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:** Steve Lev, Vera Smolyaninova; **At Large:** Brian Fath (BIOL), Howard Kaplon (MATH); **Students:** Amanda Haapala (PAGS), Joe Norris (BIOL)

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MINUTES OF THE FCSM COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

October 6, 2006

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

Attendance: Bamberger, Casey, D'Arcy, Intemann, Fath, Haapala, Kaplon, Larkin, Lev, Shields, Smolyaninova, Srivastava, Sun

Absent: Denniston, Haines, Norris

Guest: Sam Houston

1. The Minutes of the Sept. 1st meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Announcements from the Associate Dean:
 - An advisory committee appointed by the Dean has produced a white paper outlining the direction of the new Hackerman Academy.
 - The administration may look to hire an outside director for the academy.
 - It is still unclear how much of the gift will be endowed or used of operating costs.
 - The creation of the academy dovetails with the \$2M proposal recently submitted to NSF to address STEM issues.
 - The Provost announced an intended School of Technology at his convocation
 - It will be housed in FCSM initially
 - The Dean is looking to hire a consultant to advise on the development, organization and programs that would best fit this School.
 - The Dean will appoint a faculty advisory committee for the School.
 - The Dean is expecting to have an outline of the School by the end of Fall 2006
 - FCSM will sign 17 dual degree agreements with Harford Community College on Oct. 16.
 - FCSM will be getting a share of the new PINS announced by the Provost at the convocation. The number and areas coming to the College have not yet been determined.
 - FCSM will be strengthening ties with Oldenburg University in Germany
 - The College is exploring offering a joint PhD program with Biology
 - FCSM is participating in a pilot course evaluation effort that may result in the creation of a University-wide course evaluation instrument. Departments are participating in the evaluation on a voluntary basis this semester.

3. Announcements from the Council Chair:

- All College committee vacancies have been filled.

4. Discussion Items:

- Sam Houston led a discussion of the FCSM Information Technology Plan
 - The University IT Committee wants FCSM to submit their plan by Oct. 16 for review on Nov. 1 by Academic Affairs and OTS for budgeting.
- Steve Lev led a discussion on a protocol for reporting facilities issues
 - Protocol focused on “non-routine” facilities issues (e.g. leaks, ventilation failures) and was specific to Smith Hall
 - Several issues were raised by the Council of Chairs and communicated by the Dean
 - Protocol does not address non-working hour emergencies or situations where facilities personnel are out of the office
 - Suggested that off hours emergencies are currently reported through campus police and that would not change
- Inclusion of patents/patent applications in criteria for demonstration of Scholarship
 - The Council felt the idea is worthwhile and agreed to refer revised language of the change to the College P&T committee. The Dean will inform the P&T committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Casey, Recording Secretary
FCSM College Council