

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:** Mike Lloyd (BIOL)

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## MINUTES OF THE FCSM COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

March 3, 2006

The FCSM College Council met in ST 312, at 1:30 PM., Tim Dwyer, Council Chair presiding.

**Attendance:** Bamberger, Casey, Dwyer, Haines, Hong, Intemann, Kaplon, Lev, Lloyd, Nelson, Sandifer, Shields, Srivastava

**Absent:** Smolyaninova, Sun

1. The Minutes of the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Announcements from the Dean:
  - MHEC has approved the MS in Forensic Science program.
  - Gail Gasparich has been selected as the recipient of USM Regents award for excellence in faculty teaching.
  - Faculty search update
    - 11 searches occurring this academic year
    - 5 searches are complete (2 in Computer Science, 2 in Biology and 1 in Science Education)
    - 6 searches still ongoing (1 in Biology, 1 in MB3 Bioinformatics, 2 in Mathematics, 1 in Chemistry, 1 in Science Education)
  - The request to pursue federal funding for a field station did not make the TU list of priorities to submit to the System.
  - Plans are being developed to address significant Smith Hall facilities issues (such as HVAC) over the next 3 summers.
3. Announcements from the Council Chair:
  - The council still needs an undergraduate student to replace Jean-Paul Courneya for Spring 2006. Nominations should be forwarded to the Chair.
  - The electronic voting system will not be able to use the TOWSONU login system and will require new username and passwords to be assigned. Otherwise the system is up and running. The Council Chair will organize a mock election with the Council members in the next month as a system test.

4. Discussion Items:

- Sarah Haines presented a status report for the Center of Science and Mathematics Education.
  - NCATE accreditation is underway
  - Cody Sandifer and Laura Lising are PIs in the PhysTec grant, the goal of which is to improve courses for student teaching.
  - Faculty in Mathematics are working with Baltimore City 3-8 grade teachers using weekend and summer institutes
  - Towson University is a state sponsor of Project Learning Tree for environmental education
  - The Center is involved in the Cherry Hill initiative and is seeking funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to get students involved with environmental sampling and outdoor activities on the Bay
  - A goal for next year is to enhance the MS in Science Education and improve advertising for the program. There is also a proposal in the approval process to add an Earth Space Science Track.
  - A 2+3 program with community college partners is currently being developed that would allow students to obtain a BS, teaching certificate and MS together.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Casey, Recording Secretary  
CSM College Council