

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), Tory Johnson (BIOL)

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Member-at-Large of the University Senate: Debra Berlanstein (Library)

MINUTES OF THE FCSM COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

October 7, 2005

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

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

Absent: Denniston, Haines, Intemann, Sun

Guests: Jim Saunders (MBBB)

1. The Minutes of the September 2nd meeting were approved following the correction of spelling for the name of a council member.
2. Announcements from the Council Chair:
 - On Nov. 30, President Caret will hold a town hall meeting for FCSM
 - During the executive meeting of the FCSM College Council, the Dean stated that procedures are being discussed to allow sensitive rooms to remain off of the sweep master in FCSM. The proposed plan is to have these rooms cleaned periodically under supervision.
4. Discussion Items:
 - Status report by Jim Saunders, Director of Molecular Biology, Biochemistry and Bioinformatics
 - Current goals in MB3 include increasing communication with businesses and outreach to the metropolitan community
 - MB3 currently has ~ 70 majors and involves courses and faculty from Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology and Computer Science
 - The program needs a bioinformaticist but has been fulfilling that need through an adjunct faculty member who teaches an online course

- Dr. Saunders recently organized a Greater Baltimore Bioforum Day
 - There is pending support from Phillip Morris for a bioinformatics computer laboratory
 - Dr. Saunders is currently organizing an initiative to bring students to Towson University from African nations involved in cocoa production. These students will receive full support for a degree in science education. Dr. Saunders is currently seeking commitments for funding from several sources.
 - The program needs help in the form of staff who can assist with instrument upkeep and analytical support for faculty research and student laboratory experiences.
- FCSM IT summary
 - The council emphasized the need stated in this document for additional IT staff
 - The council approved the CSM IT Strategic Plan
 - The council decided to proceed with the development of position descriptions for an IT staff position and an instrument support staff position, both of which will be forwarded to the Dean in case resources become available to address these needs.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Casey, Recording Secretary
CSM College Council