

**To: FCSM Electorate**

Members of the FCSM College Council:

**Acting Dean:** David Vanko; **Biological Sciences:** Sarah Haines, Vonnie Shields; **Chemistry:** David Larkin, Lev Ryzhkov; **Computer Science:** Yuanqiong (Kathy) Wang, Harry Zhou; **Mathematics:** Honi Bamberger, Gail Kaplan; **Physics, Astronomy, Geosciences:** Rommel Miranda, Phuoc Ha; **At Large:** Brian Fath (Biological Sciences), Angel Kumchev (Mathematics); **Students:** Derek Morgan (Undergraduate Student), Cory Lavoie (Graduate 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 17, 2009

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

**Attendance:** David Vanko, Howard Kaplon, Sarah Haines, Vonnie Shields, David Larkin, , Honi Bamberger, Brian Fath, Rommel Miranda, Harry Zhou, Phuoc Ha

**Absent:** Kathy Wang, Gail Kaplan, Angel Kumchev, Cory Lavoie, Derek Morgan (Council Chair notified in advance), Lev Ryzhkov

**Guest Attendee:** Steve Lev

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Vonnie Shields, Council Chair. Sarah Haines motioned to approve the March 13, 2009 minutes and Brian Fath seconded this motion. The March 13<sup>th</sup> minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Announcements from Acting Dean, David Vanko
  - a. College Council extends its sentiments of success to Provost Jim Clements whose last day at Towson University is on April 21, 2009. He will then begin his tenure as President of West Virginia University.
  - b. School of Emerging Technologies (SET) – The proposal for this will be discussed at the May Senate meeting.
  - c. General Education Review Committee has turned in its report to the Provost.
  - d. Towson University Environmental and Natural Science Field Station – plans continue to progress.
  - e. Faculty hiring – interviews are nearly over.
  - f. Faculty Development Committee – faculty has received a survey to provide information to the committee.
  - g. Upcoming events
    - i. FCSM Honors Convocation is scheduled for Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend. This event is very meaningful for our students and their supporters.
    - ii. Commencement ceremonies for the FCSM will be Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.

3. Announcements by FCSM Council Chair, Vonnie Shields.  
There were no announcements by the Chair.
4. Discussion Items
  - a. Proposed name change for B.S. in Computer Science from “Computer Information Systems” to “Information Systems.” Jonathan Lazar gave Dean Vanko background information and the rationale to make this change, based on the name that is typically used to describe the academic program offered. A brief discussion took place and then Honi Bamberger moved to accept the name change. Brian Fath seconded this motion and the Council voted unanimously to accept this name change.
  - b. Discussion of P & T dossier guidelines. Steve Lev joined the Council to discuss the P&T guidelines that have been disseminated to the FCSM Chairs and the FCSM College Council. Everyone agreed that a document of this sort was badly needed. It would give new faculty specific suggestions and guidelines to follow as they put together their dossier for promotion and tenure. Several members of the Council questioned the degree of specificity of the document, as well as requirements that were somewhat unclear. It was decided that suggestions for changes be sent to Steve Lev by May 1, 2009 who would then join the Council at its May 8, 2009 meeting to discuss feedback given.
  - c. Merit discussion. The two models being considered by the Council, based on feedback given to representatives from each department, were the Senate modified version and that proposed by Martha Siegel. After a discussion Brian Fath moved to accept the Senate modified version. Sarah Haines seconded this motion. The Council approved the Senate Modified version, and Dean Vanko will send this recommendation on to the Provost.
5. Motion to adjourn made by Honi Bamberger. This was seconded by Rommel Miranda. The meeting ended at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Honi J. Bamberger  
FCSM College Council Recording Secretary