

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

MINUTES OF THE FCSM COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

September 1, 2006

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

Attendance: Bamberger, Casey, D'Arcy, Denniston, Haines, Fath, Haapala, Kaplon, Larkin, Lev, Norris, Shields, Smolyaninova, Srivastava

Absent: Intemann, Sun

1. The Minutes of the May 5th meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Announcements from the Associate Dean:
 - An external consultant is preparing a report on the condition of Smith Hall infrastructure and facilities and will be making recommendations as to renovations that can improve conditions in the building
 - Renovations could start as soon as Summer 2007
 - In discussion it was noted that Old Smith is not amenable to major changes due to load-bearing walls placed throughout the structure. David Larkin will provide a statement of these concerns to Kate Denniston.
3. Announcements from the Council Chair:
 - The Chair updated the Council on current committee vacancies. These vacancies have already been communicated to the department chairs.
4. Discussion Items:
 - Term limits for FCSM Council members
 - The Council decided not to pursue term limits. It was noted that there has been substantial turn-over of Council members in recent years without imposed term limits.
 - Travel funds for graduate students
 - There are currently no College-level funds available to support graduate student travel. It was suggested that we pursue an allocation of Fisher funds to support annual graduate student travel expenses.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Casey, Recording Secretary
FCSM College Council