

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

May 8, 2009

The FCSM College Council met in 7800 York Road, room 459 at 1:30 p.m.; Vonnie Shields, Chairperson presiding.

Attendance: David Vanko, Howard Kaplon, Sarah Haines, Vonnie Shields, David Larkin, Lev Ryzhkov, Yuanqiong (Kathy) Wang, Gail Kaplan, Angel Kumchev, Brian Fath, Rommel Miranda, Derek Morgan

Guest: Cody Sandifer

Absent: Honi J. Bamberger (Council Chair notified in advance)

1. Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. and the minutes from the April meeting were unanimously approved
2. Announcements from Acting Dean, David Vanko
 - a. Contingency fund: The Fisher College released \$80,000.00 to benefit various academic programs in the college.
 - b. Hiring: Successfully completed searches for nine new tenure track positions. The tenth position was unsuccessful and will be continued.
 - c. Academic: Acting Provost, Kate Denniston, has approved 40 temporary positions throughout the Academic Affairs division of the University for the Fall.
 - d. NOYCE Teacher Scholarship: Starting June 1st, five undergraduates and two graduate students will be awarded funds and will then be required to teach in a *high need* school district for two years for each year they receive the scholarship.
 - e. Regents are working on reorganizing UMBI (Biotechnology). An FCSM proposal was submitted to ask for the education and outreach of UMBI (six staff positions).
 - f. University System STEM summit took place in College Park, Maryland

3. FCSM P & T Dossier Instructions

There was a discussion surrounding some adjustments to the document. Suggestions to delete specific words and rewrite vague phrases were given. Rommel Miranda motioned to approve all of the changes. Phuoc Ha seconded this motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. School of Emerging Technology

Dean Vanko presented a proposal regarding the School of Emerging Technologies (SET) to the University Senate. The Senate has charged the FCSM College Council to provide them with feedback regarding the implementation of Towson University's SET program. Some FCSM College Council members expressed concern regarding this program while others believed it to be a good idea.

5. College Council Elections

Elections for new officers will be carried out at the first fall meeting since many Council members were unable to attend the May 8th meeting. Vonnie Shields, the current Council Chair will be on sabbatical leave during the Fall 2009 term. Ryan Sours, Vice-Chair, will Chair the September meeting.

Meeting adjourned at about 3:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared from notes taken at meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Honi J. Bamberger
FCSM Recording Secretary