

To: FCSM Electorate

Members of the FCSM College Council:

**Dean:** Gerald Intemann; **Associate Dean:** Katherine Denniston; **Biology:** Sarah Haines, Vonnie Shields; **Chemistry:** Ryan Casey, David Larkin; **Computer Science:** John D'Arcy, Rajesh Srivastava; **Mathematics:** Honi Bamberger, Wei Sun; **Physics, Astronomy, & Geosciences:** Rajeswari Kolagani, 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: Jay Zimmerman (MATH)

## MINUTES OF THE FCSM COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

March 2, 2007

The FCSM College Council met in YR 459, at 1:30 PM., Vonnie Shields, Council Chair presiding.

**Attendance:** Bamberger, D'Arcy, Intemann, Fath, Haapala, Haines Kaplon, Kolagani, Larkin, Norris, Shields, Smolyaninova, Srivastava, Sun

**Absent:** Denniston

**Guest:** Sungchul Hong

1. The Minutes of the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Announcements from the Dean:
  - A consultant from Ohio State came to Towson to discuss options for the School of Technology. The Dean is expecting a report by the end of the month.
  - The Fisher Scholarship Committee met and evaluated applications (approximately 100 for the College scholarship, and approximately 15 for the pre-engineering scholarship). Evaluation should be complete by April 1.
  - The University may be moving Smith Hall renovation and addition up in the priority list for capital projects
    - May be on the same timeline as the new Allied Health building
    - Justified based on workforce issues (STEM recruitment)
3. Announcements from the Council Chair:
  - Next meeting will be April 13 (not April 6)

4. Discussion Items:

- Sarah Haines updated the Council on the NCATE results for science education
  - Must resubmit report by April 2
  - Need more inquiry activities
    - These are likely already in the curriculum but were not adequately highlighted in the first report
  - Need more history and philosophy of science content
  - Need to modify student teaching evaluation forms
  - Need to develop rubrics for grading secondary education work to show direct correlation to teaching standards
  - The capstone teaching seminar is being reinstated and will address several of these issues
- Joe Norris spoke about issues relating to graduate stipends.
  - A national stipend review done by a SUNY institution showed:
    - MS level TAs range from \$8500 to \$13,800 (mean \$9700)
    - TU is in this range
    - 47% of institutions include health insurance benefits
  - Should draft a proposal along with the Graduate Student Association regarding health benefits
    - Joe Norris will contact GSA and Dave Curtis in Human Resources
- Sungchul Hong met with the Council to test out new electronic election software
  - There was an issue and the election did not proceed as planned
  - The following week the mock election was successful

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Casey, Recording Secretary  
FCSM College Council