Minutes of the December 16, 2016 FCSM College Council Meeting.

The FCSM College Council met on Smith Hall, Room 306 at 1:30 p.m. with Dr. Michael McGuire, Chairperson, presiding.

Member Attendees: FCSM: Vonnie Shields; Biological Sciences: Pam Healey; Chemistry: Shannon Stitzel, Ellen Hondrogiannis; Computer and Information Sciences: Josh Dehlinger, Michael McGuire; Physics, Astronomy, & Geosciences: Jeff Simpson, Parviz Ghavamian; Mathematics: Sergiy Borodachov; At Large: Shuhua Ma (Chemistry), Student Representatives: Nusrat Sharmin (Graduate Representative)

Absentees: David Vanko (notified in advance), Jessica Henley (notified in advance), Harald Beck (notified in advance), Elizabeth Goode (notified in advance)

Chairperson Michael McGuire called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes
   The minutes of the October 14, 2016 meeting were approved with one abstention.

2. Visiting Speaker
   Presentation by Alexi Kolesnikov, Chairperson of the Undergraduate Research & Creative Inquiry Committee. The speaker introduced and explained the purpose of the committee along with the proposed models and short-term plans. The College Council discussed and suggested potential ways to make the process more efficient.

3. Remarks from the Chairperson
   3.1. Happy Holidays.

4. Updates from FCSM Departments
   Members from each FCSM department updated the Council on departmental news and activities.

5. Old Business
   5.1. Update for FDRC funding:
      5.1.1. President Schatzel has a plan to create a new center for faculty development and research.

6. New Business
   6.1. Undergraduate Research Program Sub-Committee
      6.1.1. A sub-committee was formed to discuss the recent updates from the Undergraduate Research & Creative Inquiry Committee. The sub-committee will include Mike McGuire, Jeff Simpson, Pam Healey, and Shannon Stitzel.

7. Adjournment
   The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Nusrat Sharmin, Recording Secretary