

COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
FISHER COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS
1:30 pm – 3:30 p.m., September 11, 2026
SC 4230

Attendees:

Biological Sciences: David Hearn and Vonnies Shields (Chairperson) **Chemistry & Forensic Science:** Cynthia Zeller
Computer and Information Sciences: Weixian Liao and Nam Nguyen **Mathematics:** Kimberly Corum and Vince Guingona **Physics, Astronomy, & Geosciences:** Parviz Ghavamian (Vice-Chairperson) and Alan Jackson (Co-Secretary) **Teaching Professors and Clinical Faculty:** Alexis Nobleman **STEM Education:** Kristin Frank **Inclusive Student Success:** Denise Hayman **Staff:** Kara Berger, Richard Patterson and Jennifer Streb (Co-secretary) **Students:** Jake Shaheen (Math/Comp Science, Undergraduate Caraline Davis Masters of Forensic Science) **Non-Voting, Ex-Officio: Dean:** Matt Nugent **Associate Dean for Teaching & Student Success:** Ming Tomayko **Associate Dean for Research & Faculty Success:** Chris Salice **Building Manager:** Josh Wilhide **Guests:** Howard Kaplon, William Shipley

1. Approval of minutes from the May 8, 2026 FCSM Council meeting by unanimous consent.
2. Announcements and remarks from Dean Nugent
 - A. Largest number of incoming students at TU this Fall, including a record of 3,681 students in FCSM
 - B. TU has an impressive 90% retention rate!
 - C. General Education Curriculum Task Force Town Hall: November 6, 2026 (2:30 p.m.) in SC 2226. Aim to have new General Education Curriculum in place for Fall 2028
 - D. President Ginsberg's State of University updates highlights
 - 1) Carnegie classification data is in place to issue R2 Status
 - 2) FCSM research set a record of number of proposals submitted and continues to produce an impressive amount of ongoing research contributing to the campus research expenditures.
 - E. Fall Forum to be combined with Spring Welcome Back, tentatively January 20, 2027.
 - F. State project on York Road. Construction and staging will occur in January near junction of Research Way and York Road. Construction equipment, etc. will be stored on the grass area. More information to follow.
3. Announcements from the Associate Dean Chris Salice
 - A. STEM for ALL Lecture Series:
 - 1) Dr. Mike O'Leary: Anatomy of a Cyber Operation: A Live Hacking Demonstration, SC 2226 on October 1st at 5:30 p.m.
 - 2) Dr. George Guice: The Long-Gone Ocean Beneath Baltimore: The Story of the Iapetus and the Appalachians, SC 2226 November 5th at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
 - B. Leadership Lab Panel Discussion on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 3–4 p.m. in SC 4230 with Dr. Alexei Kolesnikov Dr. Pamela Lottero-Perdue, Dr. Shannon Stitzel, and Dr. Peko Tsuji
 - C. Writing Club, a place to hold ourselves accountable to dedicating time to write, will continue this year. (Mondays and Wednesdays from 11-12 p.m. and Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m. in SC 5220; email Assoc. Dean Salice to get on the notifications list) Join the FCSM Write 30 Challenge - minutes of writing a day challenge
 - D. Look for new and upcoming FACET and Library Workshops
 - E. Student mentoring workshops are in the works in collaboration with Dr. Laura Gogh
 - F. URCI Research Conference will be held on September 24, 2026

4. Announcements from the Associate Dean Ming Tomayko
 - A. FCSM's new Academic Advisor will begin October 7, 2026
 - B. FCSM participated in 10 new student orientation sessions over the summer.
 - C. Kudos to all who assisted in summer transfer advisor sessions!
 - D. The Student Ambassador program continues to be a huge help! We welcome four new Student Ambassadors this year for a total of 12 ambassadors.
 - E. FCSM provided feedback to FACET which resulted in new guidance on smart glasses
 - F. The Mathematics and the Computer and Information Sciences Tutoring Centers merged and relocated over the summer! It is now located in YR310.
 - G. Community Time Dates for AY 26-27:
 - September 10, 2026, in SC 5220 at 2 p.m.
 - October 2, 2026, Newell \$6 Friday at 12 p.m.
 - October 8, 2026, in YR 208 at 2 p.m.
 - November 6, 2026, Newell \$6 Friday at 12 p.m.
 - November 12, 2026, in SC 5220 at 2 p.m.
 - February 5, 2027, Newell \$6 Friday at 12 p.m.
 - February 18, 2027, in YR 208 at 2 p.m.
 - March 5, 2027, Newell \$6 Friday at 12 p.m.
 - March 9, 2027, in SC 5220 at 2 p.m.
 - April 2, 2027, Newell \$6 Friday at 12 p.m.
 - April 6, 2027, in YR 208 at 2 p.m.
 - H. Recommendation Letter Workshop: Wed. Oct. 14, 2026, from 3-4 p.m. in SC 4230 where Dr. Mary Devadas (Dept. of Chemistry and Forensic Science/Office of Competitive Fellowships and Awards), Dr. Dave Schaefer (Dept. of Physics, Astronomy, and Geosciences) and Dr. Ellen Hondrogiannis (Dept. of Chemistry and Forensic Science) will share guidance and best practices.
5. Update from Josh Wilhide: Major issue, on elevator #1 is likely to be down for at least the rest of this semester, possibly into next semester as well.
6. Presentation of revised FCSM Mission and Vision
 - A. Updates to structure with help from Marketing and Communications
 - B. Highlights FCSM core values and priorities
 - C. Department reps are asked to share with their colleagues and collect feedback for the next College Council Meeting.
7. Highlights from FCSM Departments
 - A. Chemistry and Forensic Science
 - 1) Organic and Forensic Science Searches with interviews in October;
 - 2) FEPAC Accreditation visit occurred from September 1–3, 2026 and was considered a success. Final report incoming.
 - B. Seminar Series, 11:00 a.m., SC 4230
 - 1) Thursday, September 24, 2026 - Abema Amfo-Koranteng (Hancock Lab) Sweeting Seminar
 - 2) Thursday, October 8, 2026 - Dr. Chris Cahill (George Washington University) Research Seminar - Materials/f-elements
 - 3) Thursday, October 22, 2026 - Daniel Eisenstein (Tran-Ba Lab) Raspet Seminar

- C. Biological Sciences
 - 1) Three current Faculty Searches ongoing
- D. PAGS: Re-run of search for electronics shop manager currently ongoing.
- E. Hill-Lopes Scholars Program Information Session: October 1, 2026, SC2323 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 8. Senate update/communications
 - A. Motion to ratify the FCSM College Constitution and bylaws will occur at the October meeting
- 9. Ongoing Issues/Initiatives/Old Business
 - A. Poster Printing opportunities for students and faculty are available in the Science Complex. Please contact Ahmed Elrashidy, Computer Technology Manager, for the process.
- 10. Visit from Amelia Gossman, Library Services Specialist for Student Success & Large Format Printing Service Coordinator
 - A. Ready, Set, Research Workshop on helping students with poster design and layout available virtually.
 - B. Find helpful Information and resources for process and best practices for poster printing:
<https://towson.libguides.com/c.php?g=1535119>
 - C. Three business days are required for poster printing to account for corrections and issues. Please complete the request form. The requestor will receive email upon completion and instructions for pickup.
 - D. Free for FCSM students
- 11. Visit from Lindsay Gavin, Director, Counseling Center
 - A. Towson University Council Center (TUCC) services are confidential and free to students.
 - B. Same-day appointments available, as well as short-term and long-term therapy
 - C. Referring students to TUCC – highlight confidentiality, support them making the call, walk them to the Counseling Center if needed. Find more information here:
<https://www.towson.edu/counseling/services/>
 - D. The Mobile Crisis Response Team is a collaboration between TUCC and TUPD to respond to mental health crisis calls together.
- 12. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Alan Jackson and Jennifer Streb