CLAS Faculty Council Minutes
Wednesday, 9 June 2010, 8:30 a.m.
210 Pugh Hall

Members present: Susan Hegeman, Jean Larson, Clive Wynne, John Yelton, Rick Yost
Members absent: Nora Alter, Susan de France, Howard Louthan, Carol Murphy, Paul Robinson, Richard Scher, Donald Stehouwer
Ex-officio members present:
Ex-officio member absent: Ken Merz, John Leavey
Incoming members present: Kevin Ingersent, Jed Keesling (parliamentarian and incoming Chair of the College Assembly),
Incoming members absent: Brent Henderson, Ellen Martin, John Palmer, Rick Stepp, Brigitte Weltman-Aron
Guests: Paul D’Anieri, Patrick DeLeenheer, David Pharies, Michael Martinez, Caroline Wiltshire and other members of current and incoming Finance Committee

Jean Larson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. It was noted that the minutes of the April 28 meeting had been approved electronically.

The Dean gave us an overview of what he knows about the budget at this time, which is that basically the amount for distribution to colleges from state funding and the tuition increases is less than last year and that the college in particular is expecting a cut but the colleges have not yet been told what their budgets for the next year will be. RCM is starting this year, and will determine our “market share” and that will be the foundation each year for the budget rather than working from our previous year’s budget.

The current members of the Faculty Council elected Rick Yost to the position of chair, starting in the fall term. In his position as associate chair he will act for the current chair for the remainder of the summer, since she will be on sabbatical and traveling.

We briefly discussed the questions the Finance Committee formulated. The suggestion was made that a website with answers to them be created, and that, where appropriate, some should be forwarded to those at higher levels of the administration for answering on a publicly available website.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Larson