Minutes - CLAS Finance Committee Meeting  
Friday, March 2, 2012    12:50 pm    2014 Turlington

In attendance: Committee members Michael Martinez (chair), Philip Boyland, Robert D’Amico, David Foster, Susan Gillespie, Richard Hollinger, Whitney Sanford; CLAS Budget Director Uma Sethuram, Associate Dean David Richardson, Dean Paul J. D’Anieri

1. Martinez called the meeting to order at 12:50 pm and circulated copies of the minutes of the Jan. 20, 2012 committee meeting along with an agenda and several attachments. D’Amico moved to adopt the minutes of that meeting, seconded by Foster. The motion was approved by acclamation.

2. The second item on the agenda was for Dean D’Anieri to provide his perspective on the budget next year and request input from the Finance Committee. The Committee is asked to articulate fundamental guiding principles for making budget cuts in anticipation of reductions and deficits, as well as to suggest ways to enhance college revenues (primarily SCH). Martinez had prepared an outline of what such guidelines might entail (one of the handouts) as a way to begin this task, which will be continued at future meetings.

3. The third item on the agenda was to discuss with Dean D’Anieri and Associate Dean Richardson details of the Shared Services Model, an outline of which had been distributed earlier to department chairs and made available to faculty on the college webpage. Concerns for certain aspects of its implementation were expressed, and some suggestions were made for facilitating this shift.

4. On the agenda but put off for future discussion were Dean Richardson’s presentation from the last CLAS Assembly meeting, Boyland’s summary of CLAS Budget Data (circulated earlier), and a fact sheet on the CLAS Budget from RCM. These were included as handouts; the latter two a carry-over of tasks decided at the Jan. 20 meeting.

5. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Minutes prepared by Gillespie  
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