Minutes—CLAS Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, March 25, 2013  8:30 am 160 Pugh Hall

In attendance: Kevin Ingersent (chair), Patrick DeLeenheer, Susan Gillespie, Aida Hozic, Victoria Pagán, Whitney Sanford

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Ingersent.

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2013 meeting, as amended to correct item 3, was made by DeLeenheer, seconded by Sanford. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ingersent presented the latest (March 25) version of the draft report of the Finance Committee, based on the questionnaire and the information gathered at the divisional chairs’ meetings. The draft report was crafted by a subcommittee created at the February 25 meeting, composed of Ingersent, Hozic, Gillespie, and Bloom.

3. Discussion ensued regarding how to succinctly and cogently present the major findings to the Dean in the final version of the report. The following points emerged from the discussion:
   a. CLAS units experienced the budget cuts differently, and so should be given flexibility in making decisions as to how best to overcome the negative impact should new monies become available.
   b. Shifting to SSC has had negative financial and morale impacts for some units. A suggestion was made to follow up with more detailed inquiries regarding these impacts.
   c. Several units referred to a “cascading” or “ripple” effect such that the true cost or impact of budget cuts is not yet being felt but will show up in future years; hence, it is not being adequately measured or reported at present.

4. Dean D’Anieri, accompanied by Julie Wang of the CFO’s office, joined the meeting at 9:15. Ingersent presented the results of the survey and summarized for the Dean the points made during the discussion. The Dean then added his own comments regarding these and other matters concerning the financial state of the College.

5. Following the dean’s departure, a decision was made to gather follow-up information from CLAS units and include those data in the final version of the report, to be completed before the final Finance Committee meeting of the academic year on April 22.

6. The meeting adjourned at 10:28 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gillespie April 11, 2013