CLAS Faculty Council Minutes
Thursday, January 29th, 2009, 10.40 a.m., 160 Pugh Hall

Elected members present: Susan deFrance, John Leavey, Carol Murphy, Ronald Randles, Sam Stafford, Donald Stehouwer, Ann Wehmeier, John Yelton, Barbara Zsembik
Ex-officio members present: Chris Snodgrass, David Pharies
Student member present: Amber Van Matre
Elected members absent: Nora Alter, Jean Larson
Student member absent: Kristin Tennyson
The Dean: Paul D’Anieri

The dean joined the meeting at 11.30 a.m.

Dean D’Anieri discussed the process underway to produce a plan for a 10% cut in the CLAS budget. He is scheduling discussions with each chair and director, and will formulate a tentative plan which will be unveiled publicly on the 19th of February. He will not give any information on its contents to the Faculty Council before that date. After the plan is published, there will be a period when all parties would have a chance to request modifications. He is very aware of the damage to morale that will ensue when programs show up on the list to be possibly cut even if in the end they turn out not to be. However, he sees this as a better alternative than being secretive.

The dean pointed us to a list of resources, mostly in the form of excel spreadsheets of data, which has been collected by the College office and are posted on the College webpage. He stressed that he fully understands that all such information needs careful interpretation as it can so easily be taken out of context. If there are other indicators of performance that we could point him to, he would welcome such input.

The meeting closed at 12.40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by John Yelton, Associate Chair.