CLAS Faculty Council Minutes  
Thursday, February 26th, 2009, 10.40 a.m., 219 Dauer Hall

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

Dean D’Anieri updated us on the budget situation. He is thankful that the deadline for presenting a plan for the 10% cut has been extended, but this did not make the task any easier. He told us that attrition, together with cuts suggested by the Chairs that did not involve lay-offs, added up to a little less than half the required amount. After that, all cuts were unpalatable, and he and the Associate Deans had never reached a consensus as to what they should be. He told us that if we can make a group decision as to which programs are not central to the mission of the College, our opinion will be taken into account.

The dean and associate dean left at 11.30 a.m.

John Leavey distributed a draft of responses to the “Academic Policy Council Questionnaire on Shared Governance.”

We decided that we would meet in one week’s time in order to discuss general principles that should be applied to the budget reduction plan. We had a list of principles last year, but these should be revisited to see if they still apply.

The meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by John Yelton, Associate Chair.