The Council discussed the principles that we felt should be adopted to guide the budget reduction exercise. It was decided that we had already, on several occasions, published such principles, and it was not necessary to do so again.

The Council decided to make a request to the Dean’s office to questions concerning two specifics sets of data. The first concerns the $5M that is used to support teaching by non-tenure-track faculty, and the $1.3M that supports adjuncts. The Council would like to know how much of these funds can be used to contribute to the last $5M of the $9.3M possible reduction. Secondly, there are $16.5M budgeted for non-tenure track and technical members of the College, and the Council is interested in how trimming this total by $5M would affects the goals of the College.

The Council decided that, as we were not privy to the discussions between the Dean and the Associate Dean concerning the budget plan, we would only be in a position to give meaningful specific input after the plan is unveiled on March 18th.

The meeting closed at 12.20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by John Yelton, Associate Chair.