CLAS Faculty Council Minutes  
Thursday, March 26th, 2009, 10:40 a.m., 160 Pugh Hall

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

The Council discussed with the Dean our concerns with the College 10% budget reduction exercise which was released 3/18. The Council pointed out those aspects of the plan which violated the agreed upon principles that the Council. Dean D’Anieri stressed that there was no program in the College that “deserved” cuts, but that he was bound by his instructions to choose some departments for what he realized would be very damaging lay-offs.

The Council urged the Dean and the College Staff to further investigate alternative savings. For instance, many centers and departments have money given to them under the category of “other commitments,” and we lacked the information to know whether all these funds were strictly necessary. Kimberly Browne promised to supply the Council further information on the nature of these commitments.

At 11.45 the Dean left and the meeting continued with only Faculty Council members present.

Minutes submitted by John Yelton, Associate Chair.