February 5, 2018

TO: College Council Members

FROM: Hermann Beck, Speaker of the College Council

SUBJECT: AGENDA for College Council meeting
Monday, February 12, 2018 at 12:30 p.m.
Physics Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Physics Building
Lunch at 12:15 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 22, 2018 College Council Meeting

2. Proposal to change the Economics major for BA students in A&S (notification to CCC)

3. Sabbatical Leave Proposal

4. Dean’s Remarks

5. Faculty Senate Election: IDS representation

6. Proposal to rename the designation “Undeclared” student track to “Exploratory” (pending approval by CCC)

7. Proposal to change the name of Women’s and Gender Studies to Gender and Sexuality Studies (pending approval by CCC)

8. Proposal for a Master of Arts in Global Health and Society (pending approval by CCC)

9. Approval of the DRAFT Agenda of the College Faculty meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. at the Miller Center Auditorium, 105 Merrick Building
   a. Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Meeting of September 26, 2017
   b. Visit by President Frenk and Provost Duerk
   c. Proposal to change the Economics major for BA students in A&S
   d. Dean’s Remarks
   e. Strategic Planning
   f. Sabbatical Leave Proposal
   g. Proposal to rename the designation “Undeclared” student track to “Exploratory”
   h. Proposal to change the name of Women’s and Gender Studies to Gender and Sexuality Studies
   i. Proposal for a Master of Arts in Global Health and Society
   j. Cognates for the BGS Program

10. Other Business
January 28, 2018

TO: College Council Members

FROM: Hermann Beck, Speaker of the Council
(with the help of notes submitted by Victor Milenkovic)

SUBJECT: Minutes for the College Council Meeting of Monday, January 22, 2018
12:30 pm Physics Conference Room

Lunch at 12:15 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the College Council meeting of October 30, 2017
   The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm. The Speaker submitted a motion to
   approve the minutes of the meeting of October 30, 2017. This was seconded and
   unanimously approved.

2. Visit by the Chair of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Tomas Salerno
   The Chair of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Salerno, spoke in some detail about the new
   administration of the University and emphasized that the purpose of the Faculty Senate is
   to be of service to faculty. He pointed out that the Senate evaluates Chairs, Deans, and the
   Provost and that business is handled with the utmost discretion. Nothing ever leaks out.
   He also stressed the importance of Senate committees and called on members of the
   College Council to participate in Faculty Senate committees since they are of great
   importance to the College of Arts & Sciences. Dr. Salerno pointed out that the work College
   faculty performs does not go unrecognized. On the University level the College is well
   represented by Dean Bachas, who vigorously defends its interests. Dr. Salerno also
   underscored the importance of the Faculty Manual, with which faculty should be familiar.
   The Chair of the Faculty Senate then remarked that the new administration is doing
   its utmost to improve the University, and he then shared some internal details regarding
   the functioning of Jackson and UMH. He further praised the new administration and
   stressed that the Senate enjoys a good relationship with leaders of the new administration,
   who regularly consult the Senate and value its input. While the Board of Trustees had little
   to do with the Senate in the past, it now appreciates the fact that faculty have to be
   consulted, and there are now regular meetings with the Board of Trustees.

3. Budget Update
   The next item of business was an update on the budget. This was discussed in detail
   by Dean Bachas and Dawn Reynolds, Executive Director of Finance. The Dean mentioned
   that next year’s budget will be about the same as this year’s which, in turn, will amount to
   an overall reduction of the budget by about $1.6 million. While this year’s shortfall of funds
could be made up through monies from failed searches and graduate tuition, this may be difficult to replicate next year, when the overall budgetary situation might be tighter, as it might be more difficult to find sources of additional support. Some of this may depend on searches.

Since the Board has requested that the College generate 2% more than it spends, the difference can be offset only by increasing revenue. There will be donations, but departments will not be able to freely spend their reserves. They first will have to request doing so, since the new budgeting system has changed the way in which money can be spent.

Regarding salary increases, it is likely that the merit pool will be the same as last year’s. The market pool is expected to lie between 0-0.5%. Hiring may still proceed as planned since there is no strategy of reduction.

The Dean also updated the Council on the Holmes Fellowships. The Holmes account brings about $30,000/year, but allocated fellowships cost $80,000/year. The College was instructed to more closely align revenue and spending, meaning that the number of Holmes Fellowships, over a period of two years, will be adjusted to match the revenue generated by the Holmes account. The Kriloff Fund does not return enough revenue to cover all students’ travel expenses and the College will subsidize it for at least one more year.

4. Dean’s Remarks

The Dean mentioned that a note will shortly be sent out, announcing that Assistant Dean Jeanne Luis will be leaving the University to accept a position at another institution. The College will therefore be looking for a replacement.

5. Strategic Planning Meeting on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 11:30 am

Due to Hurricane Irma, the Strategic Planning meeting had to be postponed last semester. It will take place on Friday, February 2, 2018 from 11:30-3:30 pm. During the Strategic Planning meeting three workgroups will make presentations to faculty. The Dean mentioned that feedback on their ideas can also be given on the web.

6. Parking Policy Change

It was announced that in the future parking restrictions will apply after 4:00 pm, though there will be no fines until June 2019. Those without parking permits are expected to purchase tickets for events that take place after 4:00 pm. Possible solutions to this issue for theatre productions are currently being investigated. While it is felt that people might be willing to pay for parking to attend theatre productions, they may be more reluctant to do so for lectures organized by the Center for the Humanities. Parking may also be a difficult issue for part-time lecturers who come to campus only occasionally.

7. Approved Independent Minor

Dean Stampino mentioned that the independent minor was approved in December 2017. It consists of 15 credits and allows students to pursue a minor in areas that are covered by College faculty for which no designated minor yet exists. As soon as this has been made official, the Registrar will post a form that will require the signature of a faculty member. All those interested should contact Dean Stampino for further information.
8. Renaming Undeclared Students
   The Dean informed the College Council that a proposal will be presented to the
   College Curriculum Committee to rename the “Undeclared student track” the “Exploratory
   student track.” This item will be revisited in a future meeting of the College Council.

9. Other Business
   There was no other business. The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.