



Date: September 13, 2016

To: College Council

From: Hugh Thomas  
Speaker, College Council

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hugh Thomas".

Subject: MINUTES of the College Council Meeting of Monday, August 29, 2016  
Physics Conference Room

**12:15 Lunch**

**12:30 Call to Order**

Newly elected College Council Speaker, Professor Hugh Thomas called the meeting to order in the absence of outgoing Council Speaker Victor Milenkovic, who was not able to attend. Council members were asked to introduce themselves.

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 4, 2016 College Council Meeting**

Professor Ann Brittan noted that the heading for agenda item #1 contained a typographical error, with the year listed as 2015 instead of 2016. Speaker Thomas stated that this would be corrected. A motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2016 meeting was offered, seconded, and unanimously approved with the noted change.

**2. Election of new Council Speaker/Chair, Vice Chair and Recorder**

During the summer, Professor Kathleen Sealey conducted a vote to elect the new Council leadership members. The elected members are as follows: Professor Hugh Thomas has been elected the new Speaker/Chair for the College Council, Professor Jill Ehrenreich May has been elected as Vice Chair, and Professor Thomas Curtright has been elected as Recorder.

**3. Dean's Remarks**

Dean Bachas thanked Professor Kathleen Sealey for conducting the voting for the College Council leadership. The Dean remarked on the proposed institute that will be funded by the Frost Foundation. He noted that the institute is part of the BASIC Roadmap Initiative. The structure of the institute is still being defined; therefore, there will not be a meeting of the College faculty to vote on the proposal as previously announced. Further information about this proposal will be provided as soon as it is finalized.

Dean Bachas encourages all College faculty to review the Roadmap initiatives, provide feedback and to participate in the discussions and meetings scheduled throughout the month of September. The Dean also noted that Arts & Sciences makes up roughly 40% of the University's body and the College should be well represented and participating in the town hall sessions.

Assistant Dean of Development Jeanne Luis stated it is important for the College to come across as bold and innovative to potential donors. From the perspective of Central Advancement, funding goes to a college or school based on the strength of their message. Ms. Luis is more than happy to receive ideas and information from the departments to present to Central Advancement in order to publicize the College's efforts and activities. Professor Jose Cardoso da Silva said that a strong message for the College is important, so is access to potential donors. Ms. Luis is also available to coordinate meetings for any department that wishes to meet with University Central Advancement.

Dean Bachas noted that the strategy of utilizing eVeritas for one Arts & Sciences story per week has been successful in distributing the College's message internally. He added that federal funds are more competitive to obtain. Ms. Luis is working to match departments with philanthropic foundations in an effort to increase the amount of funding the College receives. Ms. Luis mentioned that donor relationships take time, and as opportunities arise, she will reach out to the departments. It is important for the departments to become involved in the Roadmap initiatives, as they will inform the fundraising priorities of our next UM campaign.

**4. Update on the Frost Institute (no attachment)**

Professor Curtright inquired on what the official naming of the science and engineering institute funded by the Frost Foundation will be. Senior Associate Dean Angel Kaifer said the University is currently working with the donor to determine what type of institute he is interested in funding, and a name has not been officially selected. Professor Kathleen Sealey inquired on how the proposed model for the institute would work. Dean Bachas stated that the funds would exist within the institute, and departments could potentially receive additional lines for faculty.

**5. Other Business**

Speaker Thomas indicated that agenda items for upcoming Council meetings can be sent to both Council leadership and to Sr. Executive Assistant Rose Glemaud in the Dean's office.

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.