

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 2011

**PRESENT:**

- VII. Writing Center: designing a survey-Dr. Chris Probes handed out a proposal from Dr. Hunt Hawkins who has been working on this issue for a while. This proposal was drafted by Pat Mahr, the Director of Learning and Tutoring Services and will be sent to the Provost Office. Dr. Schmidt brought to the attention of the council the need for Scientific Writing. Dr. Allison Cleveland-Roberts stated that there was an on-line program called Smart Thinking that the students could use as a tool through their Blackboard accounts. Dr. Manning agreed to contact Dr. Hawkins to see how he would like the Council to elicit faculty support for the proposal.
- VIII. Old business: Tasking the Diversity Committee: Several issues were brought to the table that the Diversity Committee could tackle. The Diversity committee has of late simply done surveys. Dr. Manning brought up issues concerning the possible granting of waivers of advertisement on the basis of misinformation about minority and female representation among faculty units. Dr. Cochran remarked that the information is kept centrally rather than by College. Dr. Manning replied that it is nonetheless important to the College that EEO and other equity in hiring matters be based on correct information and that the Diversity Committee could play a useful role in making sure that this is done. Dr. Manning will address the committee concerning these issues as well as proper searches and CIP codes.
- IX. Old business (a) central scheduling/classroom- regarding a suggestion of e-mailing the chairs for their input, Dr. Cochran stated that Dr. Eisenberg would like us to wait before doing so.