

**UMD Faculty Council**  
**Friday, April 10, 2015**  
**Approved April 17, 2015**

**Present:** Matthew Andrews, Evan Brier, Dalibor Froncek, Sheryl Grana, John Hamlin, Robert Lloyd, Steve Matthews, Christopher McIntosh, Bruce Peckham, Rudy Perrault, Marc Seigar, Jean Stevenson, Jennifer Webb

**Excused:** Bedassa Tadesse

**Guest:** EVCAA, Andrea Schokker

**Review of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 3 meeting were discussed. Marc Seigar made a motion that the minutes be approved; Jennifer Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

EVCAA Schokker was invited to address issues of concern to Faculty Council members. During discussion of the current budget issue EVCAA Schokker stated that there was no plan that she was aware of for UMD to be anything other than a comprehensive regional university. The phrase “budget deficit” has been replaced with “budget imbalance” to more accurately reflect the current budget situation. While administration is aware that cutting courses and programs will hurt enrollment, 29 degree programs that may have the least impact on tuition revenue have been identified and are being reviewed. It appears that there is no clear method or formula for determining how the UMD allocation is decided each year so it is important that there be open communication while dealing with the budget imbalance and that facts are communicated in a timely and consistent manner.

Matt Andrews announced that the Research and Scholarship Subcommittee is recommending that \$300,000 of the “EVCAA Maintenance” ICR funds be distributed to the campus in the form of faculty development funds based on the number of tenured and tenure-track faculty positions in each college. These funds are intended to strengthen the culture of research, scholarship, and creative activity across the entire campus. R & S recommends that the distribution of the funds be determined by a peer review committee chaired by an R & S representative.

President Kaler has been invited to address the Faculty Assembly on Monday, April 27, from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. in the Griggs Center. Faculty will have an opportunity to submit questions anonymously.

**Old Business**

Steve Castleberry has agreed to be the mace bearer for the LSBE/CSCE graduation ceremony. Nominees for the mace bearer for the CLA/CEHSP/SFA graduation ceremony were identified.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Estep