Present: Cindy Juby (Chair, Social Work), Annette Lynch (DTGFS), Henry Owusu (Geography), Charlotte Wells (History), Taifa Yu (Political Science), Seth Brown (Psychology), Cyndi Dunn (Soc-Anth-Crim), John Johnson (Interim Dean)

I. Approval of the minutes

The first budget reversion was $1.02 million rather than $1.2 million. The minutes were approved with this correction.

II. Faculty Awards

Helen Harton (Psychology) and Kimberly MacLin (Psychology) were nominated for the Class of 1943 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Kimberly MacLin (Psychology) and Michael Licari (Political Science) were nominated for the Ross A. Nielsen Professional Service Award.

III. Election for University Awards Committee representative

Kent Sandstrom was elected to serve as the CSBS representative to the University Awards Committee.

IV. Curriculum Review Schedule

The curriculum review schedule has been set as follows:

Feb. 2 Design, Textiles, Gerontology & Family Studies
      Public Policy
Feb. 16 Psychology
      Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology
March 2 Political Science
April 6 History
      Geography

There was some discussion of whether this committee should also review proposed curriculum changes in Women’s and Gender Studies given that this program is jointly housed in CSBS and CHFA. Chair Juby will contact Phyllis Baker and invite her to present the proposed changes on March 2 along with Political Science. One change that is being proposed is that 680:040 Women’s and Gender Studies: Introduction be added to the Liberal Arts Core Category V-C. There was some question about whether there would be too much overlap with 900:020 Women, Men and Society which is currently in that category. Women, Men and Society is taught
primarily by Sociology. Senator Dunn will bring copies of that syllabus to the March 2 meeting for comparison with the syllabi for 680:040.

The first curriculum review meeting will be Feb. 2. Chair Juby will contact the senators with instructions on how to view the curriculum packages online.

V. Comments from Interim Dean Johnson

Associate Dean Brenda Bass has been involved in curriculum issues including the LAC Category V review. She has therefore been invited to attend future senate meetings on curriculum this spring. She will also be aiding with the transition to the new Dean.

The move out of Sabin appears to have gone relatively smoothly. The Dean’s office is now housed in Baker 59. The only major problem that has been reported is issues with the electricity for the Center for Social and Behavioral Research. Senator Yu pointed out that there have also been numerous problems with classroom assignments including lack of multimedia equipment and classes being assigned to rooms that were too small for the number of enrolled students. Dean Johnson encouraged people to report problems to their department heads so that they can hopefully be resolved or at least avoided for the fall semester.

The university is currently taking bids for the construction work on Sabin with demolition slated for April. Currently the project is still on schedule with plans to reopen Sabin for the fall 2010 semester.

Baker Hall is currently first on the capital projects request list for UNI. We expect to be meeting with architects starting next year. The most likely current scenario is to demolish the Psychology 1 building, build a new office building on that site, and then tear down the current Baker Hall and replace it with a small parking lot.

Associate Dean Brenda Bass is leading the review of Category V of the Liberal Arts Core. The College of Education has proposed that one of their educational psychology courses be included in this category. CSBS is opposed to this change.

We have successfully completed searches in Political Science and Criminology. Due to budget concerns, searches in Geography, Social Work, and Gerontology have been frozen. Searches in Psychology and Design are still continuing, but it may or may not be possible to make those hires. The search for a new Dean is continuing and President Allen has said that it has a high priority. The committee will start reviewing applications in early February.

We have five people being considered for tenure and/or promotion this year. These cases are currently under review by the department heads. The College Advisory Committee will meet to discuss them on Feb. 11.

The department head review for Howard Barnes (DTGFS) is continuing and the committee will make its report soon.
Despite budget concerns, we will be offering summer courses. In general, our college has made a profit on summer courses with relatively low expenditures compared to other colleges.

The budget news continues grim. We have thus far suffered two reversions totaling around 2 ½ million dollars, and we may possibly be faced with a third one. The greatest concern is fiscal 2010 which will almost certainly involve cuts. Various levels of administration have been asked to prepare budgets for various scenarios ranging from grim to appallingly horrible. All but $300,000 of the CSBS budget is based on salaries and benefits, making it difficult to make substantive cuts. The college will no longer be able to provide funding for the Center for Immigrant Leadership and Integration. However, our college does not have large independent programs, centers or other activities that are not directly related to classroom instruction. Probable scenarios for fiscal 2010 for our college include a freezing of all open faculty lines, termination of most adjunct positions, and sharp reductions in the budget for supplies and services. The administration at all levels is actively soliciting ideas for ways to save money and what programs and activities to sacrifice.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndi Dunn