

Faculty Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2006

**Present:** Julio de Paula, Dean of the College; Jane Hunter, Associate Dean; Cliff Bekar, Associate Professor of Economics; Andrew Bernstein, Associate Professor of History (representing ILC); Dinah Dodds, Professor of German; Elizabeth Safran, Associate Professor of Geological Sciences; and Terri Banasek, Executive Assistant and recorder.

**Agenda Items:**

1. The minutes of September 28 and October 19, 2006, were approved as written.
2. Faculty Council reviewed the capital equipment requests.
3. Faculty Council began review of the sabbatical applications for 2007-08. It was agreed that one way to proceed is to refer chairs to the handbook language, which states, "In the one-semester sabbaticals, the home department will be expected to cover the absence without the expenditure of adjunct funding." Thus, Faculty Council will not be able to fund all of the replacements. This is a challenging year, and next year will be equally challenging. We need to adhere as much as possible to the handbook language while at the same time maintaining an adequate number of courses for first-year students. This is a topic for chairs meetings.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 30, 2006, 9:30 a.m.