DRAFT Minutes

CST Collegial Assembly, Friday, April 4, 2014, 2:00 PM, in Beury 166.

Dean’s report
Dean Klein updated faculty with faculty hires in various departments in the college. He noted that faculty recruitment would be actively ongoing in the college. Several of the individuals who were in the midst of negotiations as of last college assembly, had accepted our offer. Dean Klein also mentioned that faculty hires in various departments had involved the establishment of several centers as well as an institute. He noted that attracting some of these faculty was difficult due to competition with other institutions, however, the outcome has been excellent. Dean Klein also reported on the progress in the completion of the new science building, SERC, emphasizing on the importance of naming spaces in the new building to acknowledge the alumni and donors.

The floor being open to questions, several questions came up regarding the schedule for building completion and move to SERC. Dean Klein was confident that the building was on schedule for opening in fall 2014.

The following motion from the Graduate Committee was presented for the approval of the Assembly. Supporting documents had been sent to the faculty prior to the assembly.

**Motion:** The Collegial Assembly of the College of Science and Technology approves the proposed Professional Science Masters Degree Program in Bioinnovation.

Shohreh Amini and Giuseppe Russo in the Biology Department presented the program. It was noted that a combination of Science
and business courses was part of the curriculum for this new PSM program.

The floor was open to questions among which were: since the students enrolling in this program had full time jobs, were the courses offered in the evenings as well as in the weekends. The answer was yes and it was also noted that some of the business courses might be offered on line. The other question had to do with unique feature of the program and how it is different from similar masters programs offered in local institutions. The answer was that there is a requirement for a course in policy and regulation and ethics that makes this program unique.

Following voting of the members of faculty, the program was approved unanimously.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 pm.