I. In attendance: Brad Dell (LAS), Michael Clough (CHS-CI), Robert A. Martin (College of Agriculture and Life Sciences), Vlastik Bracha (BMS), Jim Thompson (FSCC), Suzanne Hendrich (Chair), Sanjeev Agarwal (Business)

II. Approval of Minutes for March 11. Martin moved to approve the minutes. Bracha seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Approval of Feb. 18 Minutes. Martin moved to approve the minutes. Clough seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. FSCC Report – No report other than multiple proposals.
   A. Engineering Sales Minor – Since this minor had already been approved by this committee, no action was taken on the proposal at this time.
   B. Master in Science in Architecture – Thompson indicated that the proposal had been through and approved by all of the appropriate committees in the Design College.
   C. Masters in Science in Landscape Architecture – The proposal asks to rename the Masters in Landscape Architecture to a Masters of Science in Landscape Architecture so that a new Masters in Landscape Architecture can be instituted as an accredited professional program. A letter requesting accreditation for the MLA degree was also included in the proposal. Thompson reported that in order to get accredited, the degree must be approved first, which is why the program approval request and the accreditation request were being made at the same time. The new Masters of Science in Landscape Architecture will be a non accredited research program. Hendrich raised some concerns as to whether the appropriate approval process was followed according to the Design College Governance document. Thompson said that he will talk with Design college and recommend they review and clarify their governance document. Thompson moved to approve all three design degrees (MSA, MSLA, MLA). Martin seconded. The programs were approved unanimously to be passed on to the Executive Board.
   D. Minor in CBiRC – Since the Faculty Senate does not need to approve Graduate Minors, there was no action taken on this proposal.

V. Hendrich presented the proposed changes to Section 10.8 of the faculty handbook, which in its revised form will incorporate the policy of Senate document 89-17, which was presented to the FSAAC by Associate Provost David Holger.
   A. Hendrich suggested that the FS Docket 89-17 be taken up by the Governance council for possible inclusion in the FS Handbook potentially in Section 2.7.
   B. Hendrich reported that she revised the approval process of 10.8 so that department/program was its own column separate from the college.
   C. In this revision, the approval of new programs, colleges, departments portion will now be labeled 10.8.1
   D. 10.8.2 is a new section addressing the process for discontinuation of a college, department or academic major. The language was drawn from the
policy in FS Docket 89-17 with a few minor alterations to make it adhere to 10.8.1.

1. Hendrich added the following language to 10.8.2:

“Both the rationales for and against a proposed academic program discontinuation shall be forwarded with the proposal for discontinuation. Agreement between the Provost and the Faculty Senate is required before a proposal of discontinuation of a department, college or academic program is sent forward to the Board of Regents.”

2. Hendrich asked for discussion about who should have veto power over discontinuation.
   a. Agarwal questioned whether we should separate the processes of discontinuing institutional structure (a college or department) from curriculum (an academic program.) Hendrich suggested that though there are distinctions in the implications of these processes it makes logistical sense for all procedures to be placed in 10.8 as opposed to separating department/college and academic program.
   b. Discussion was held on whether the college should have veto or advisory power in the discontinuation of an academic program or department. The consensus was that it should have veto power.
   c. Hendrich called for a motion to move the revision of 10.8 on to the FS Executive Board with language stating that the college does get an approval vote on discontinuation. Martin moved to move the document onto the executive board. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote. Agarwal voted no.
   d. Clough again raised a concern in wondering about the distinction of discontinuation between a department or an academic program.

VI. The meeting was adjourned.