Notes from Department Chairs Meeting, April 3, 2007

The Associate Dean, Dean, Department Chairs, and the Director of Resource Management met from 10:00-11:20 AM.

We were just informed that the CBA will not have control over GMCS 601 as a classroom beginning Fall 2008. The university has given us an alternative classroom. Jim and Kelly are looking at possible alternatives.

The group discussed GA funding for large sections that have 150 students or more. There was a suggestion that GA funding for these sections should be funded first out of the college GA budget before GA allocations are distributed to the departments. Each chair was asked to go back to instructors teaching these large sections to determine the GA needs for each specific section based on the responsibilities and tasks assigned to the GAs. No final decision was made.

The chairs discussed a draft revision of the assigned time policy. We want to more formally articulate the conditions for faculty to request and receive their assigned teaching loads. There was general agreement on the framework, but we need to work on some of the details. We will continue this discussion at the next meeting.

There was a concern raised about the importance of the hiring of the replacement for Sandra Temores-Valdez in the Graduate Office. Jim, Gail, and Deb will meet to discuss the appropriate search committee to evaluate applicants for the position. It is hoped that the new Director of the Graduate Programs would participate in the process.