I. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon on February 23, 2011 in Room 2502. Dr. Will Lynch presided.

II. CST Dean Jodis and Assistant Dean Nivens
A. Interim Dean Stephen Jodis and Interim Assistant Dean Delana Nivens were present in the meeting. After an introduction of the faculty to the Dean, he proceeded to state that back in 2008 the Office of the Dean of CST had started visiting the different departments to talk about the different things that they were doing and to touch base with every department in order to keep the lines of communications open. The following items were included in Dean Jodis’s agenda and were discussed during his visit to the Department’s meeting.

1. Approval of the two Chemistry lines. The Dean explained that both lines were actually approved back in late August or early September of last year but due to the budget uncertainty and the precautionary measures taken by the University, instead of doing what was the customary, which was to leave the monies intact to hold positions, they put all the monies in a pot to use just in case the budget called for it. This was responsible for the delay in final approval.

   Dean Jodis added that a request for a Physics line was also presented but was put on hold till the next fiscal year.

2. On-line course development for CST Core B or D. Dean Jodis mentioned that he has asked Department Heads to identify what courses the faculty in each department might consider to be acceptable for on line consideration. He suggested that non-science courses should be considered.

3. Maintenance Budget. One interesting item discussed by the Dean was the fact that the University does not appear to currently have a building maintenance budget. Therefore, the problem that the Science Building is facing regarding replacing the white boards, among other things, will be considered on a priority basis. Once again, Dean Jodis asked the Department Heads to make a list of problematic white boards. Mr. David Carson is supposed to come and take a look at the white boards in order to begin taking care of the problem.
4. **Implementation of new academic programs.** Dean Jodis encouraged the faculty to be thinking about offering new academic programs that will be self-sustaining and that will pose positive revenue. He emphasized the possibility of pairing different disciplines and making them attractive and visible to students.

5. **CST Office open door policy.** Lastly, the Dean informed the faculty that his office is always open to hear from them at any given time.

### III. Standing Items

**A.** The Minutes from January 19, 2011 were approved with the following correction on the number of the pages of Dr. Baird’s publication:

*The Light-Emitting Diode as a Light Detector*


### IV. Monthly Report

**A.** Faculty Senate – Ms. Carpenter informed the faculty that there were two items discussed during the Faculty Senate:

1. President Bleicken explained the reason behind raises awarded last year on campus while the budget cut and furloughs were being enforced. This, of course, was very discouraging to the faculty and moral.

2. The second item discussed was regarding a salary study that was done three years ago in order to make faculty’s salaries more competitive in the marketplace and to ease salary compression among the ranks. The study in question will be redone again this coming spring prior to the end of this academic year. The study will also include raises that are related to promotion in order to see if the raises given here at Armstrong are the same in comparison with other institutions. The results of this study will be presented to the Faculty Senate in May 2011.

### V. New Business

**A.** Committee Reports - There were no Committee Reports at this time.

**B.** SEA-STEM - Dr. Feske reported that the Call for Abstracts for the Annual Student Scholars Symposium has already been sent out and the same will be held in the Student Union on Friday, April 15th. He also stated that the SRS will possibly be awarding between $1,000 and $6,000 for summer research. We will know for sure if the SRS will be funding summer research by the first week of April 2011.

**C.** Summer 2011 Schedule / Faculty Compensation – Dr. Lynch informed the faculty that the summer schedule is already out and it is very similar to last summer’s schedule. He added that he tried to meet everyone’s request. He, also, mentioned that he has approached some of the part-time teachers to see if they would be interested in teaching courses during the summer.
As far as summer compensation is concerned, Dr. Lynch expressed the need to talk to the faculty in order to put the summer pay report together, this is related to other money that faculty may have from external sources which needs to be included in the report.

D. Fall 2011 Schedule
   1. Dr. Lynch informed that the fall schedule is also out of the office and is very similar to last year’s as well. He, again, requested the faculty to let him know of their interest and input for upper division course offerings for fall 2011. This includes the PHYS offerings as well as CHEM 4000 level courses.

   Dr. Lynch reminded the faculty that advisement begins on March 28.

**VI. Old Business**

A. Budget 2010/2011 - Dr. Lynch asked the Planning Committees to review the instrument lists to make sure that everything is correct and on track and assured them that it was his understanding that the departmental budget will be the same for the next fiscal year.

B. Faculty Searches – Dr. Padgett informed us that the search was coming along fine only with a minor setback from the Human Resources’ software and that we are expecting to start interviewing candidates within the next couple of weeks. He stated that this time the Search Committee is planning to see the candidates for a longer period of time and is considering having a social engagement held at Dr. Lynch’s house.

C. On-line course development for CST Core B or D
   This topic was already addressed by the Dean earlier. Please discuss with the Department Head and Dean if you have an interest and apply through the Vice-President’s Office.

D. Other
   a- Dr. Lynch informed everyone that time for Awards is around the corner and charged both Chemistry and Physics instructors to get together to discuss the matter.

   b- He also reminded the faculty that the time for accepting applications for the Robert Kolodny Scholarship is also approaching and that announcements will be posted shortly.

**VI. Announcements**

A. News
   1- Elizabeth Bates was accepted at Mercer Medical School.
   2- Boris Makhinson accepted a position at Chemtall SNF.
   3- Dr. Lynch announced that the Department will be taking 8 students to Anaheim, CA shortly after the spring break.
   4- He, also, informed us that the US Customs Lab, Savannah donated an Atomic Absorption Spectrometer which is fairly new along with a number of other lamps.

B. Other
Dr. Lea Padgett informed the faculty that both her and Ms. Roach went around inspecting the different labs and urged them to please follow-up with students to ensure that items are in the proper places, that the instructor is responsible for setting up the lab and informed them that there are two new student workers at their disposal.

**February 25** - Ms. Mullenax asked for volunteers to meet at noon in room 2404 to practice for the State Tournament/ **GA Science Bowl**, which will take place tomorrow.

**March 22**, 2011 at 6:00 pm at Moon River Brewery - Trivia Night  
Student Affiliate Chapter at AASU events:  
**April 1**, 2011: Relay for Life at Effingham High School  
**April 9**, 2011: Garage Sale at AASU (Science Center parking lot).

**April 19**, 2011 at 6:00 pm at the Armstrong Center - Guest speaker will be Professor Paul M. Lahti from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

**April 23**, 2011: Earth Day at Forsyth Park  
Coastal Georgia and AASU SA-ACS joint activity

**April 26**, 2011 at 6:00 pm at Moon River Brewery - Guest speaker is Dr. Karla-Sue Marriott from Savannah State University.

**Adjournment**  
The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.

cc: Dr. Anne Thompson, Interim Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Dean of Faculty  
Dr. Stephen Jodis, Interim Dean, College of Science and Technology  
Dr. Delana Nivens, Interim Assistant Dean, College of Science and Technology