Since the last report of the Faculty Council, the following issues have been addressed:

- At the Monday, January 13, 2003 meeting of the Faculty Council, all faculty committee chairs (or their representatives) were asked to attend to begin plans for committee web page development, as well as to assess goals for the remainder of the academic year. Chairs in attendance were Dr. Keith Howard (Chair of Faculty Development), Dr. Curtis Clark (Chair of Elections Committee) and Dr. Joseph McCray (Vice-Chair of Committee on Curriculum and Educational Policy).

  - Dr. Howard reported that the Faculty Development Committee (FDC) has been in contact with IT in an effort to enhance the overall development of educational technology for faculty on campus. He shared with us their mission statement which outlined the FDC’s commitment to personal and professional development of the faculty through, but not limited to, activities evolved around training and research in pedagogy and educational technology. A question was raised concerning overlap of duties between the FDC and the Committee on Faculty Research. Though similar, FDC’s focus is mainly pedagogy, while the Committee on Faculty Research deals mainly with research opportunities. It was suggested that opportunities such as those sent out by the Committee on Research and future opportunities sent out by the FDC could be posted on their web pages for review by the faculty.

  - Dr. Clark reported that plans for the spring elections are underway, as well as the development of guidelines for elections. He reiterated the importance of committees completing their web pages before nominations in March. The web pages will include a list of responsibilities of each committee and will serve as a guide for those seeking nominations. The deadline for committee web page development is Friday, February 28, 2003. Dr. Clark suggested that those who seek nomination should make sure their personal web pages are in place so that faculty can see who the person is they are voting for and find out something about them. It was also suggested that nominees pictures be placed on the Election Committee’s web page.

  - Dr. McCray indicated that the CEPC has spent several meetings finalizing guidelines for the modification of courses and curriculum. Several proposals for changes in curriculum have been received by the CEPC from the departments of Modern Foreign Languages, Mathematics, Political Science and Psychology. New guidelines for proposals will not be in effect for proposals already received. The
CEPC’s web page is in place and includes a list of members and committee responsibilities, their meeting dates and the current proposal requesting a change in departmental course numbers submitted by the Physical Education Department.

- Also in attendance at the January 13 meeting were Ms. Diane Alexander and Ms. Kara Walker from Information Technology to advise chairs on their web page development, as well as to seek advisement on how best IT can service the faculty in terms of educational technology, use of the electronic grade book, BANNER training, etc. Comments were made by those in attendance that some faculty are still without computers to access BANNER and perform basic needs such as maintaining grades. Some faculty have computers that are outdated and are too slow and unable to access BANNER. A brief survey to ascertain technology needs will be administered at today’s faculty meeting and will also be available on Pipeline. Faculty also inquired about the security of entering grades on the electronic grade book. Ms. Alexander assured those present that a number of fire walls were at work to ensure security.

- Dr. Curtis Clark has resigned his position from the Committee on Faculty Development. The Council will appoint a new member to serve for the spring semester. Nominations to fill the remainder of his term (2003-2005) will occur during the spring elections.

- The Faculty Forum previously scheduled on December 5 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. in the President’s Dining Room to discuss the future of faculty governance.