College of Arts and Sciences  
Steering and Budget Committee Meeting  
3/30/9

Members Present  
Michael Camille, Carlos Fandal, Janet Haedicke (Chair), C. Turner Steckline, Robin Stephens, and Christine Strunk

Ex-officio Members Present  
Dean Jeffery Cass, and Matthew James

Members and Ex-officio Members Absent  
Michael Cappel, Stephen Fox, Paul Karlowitz, and James Reifinger

Minutes  
• Dean Cass called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm in the A&S Conference Room.
• The Board of Regents announced that the budget cut for ULM will be $12 million for the next 2 years. Arts and Sciences share will be $2.3-2.7 million. The actual number will not be known until June 30, 2009.
• We are only allowed to consider cutting programs, not trimming personnel or programs. We were instructed “to cut programs that have high cost, but have few majors.”
• The pre-program cuts (including GAs, capital out lay, open lines, “Plus One” gains, sale of the farm, travel, operations) add up to approximately $1.2 million.
• Certain programs will not be cut due to the amount of service courses: English, History, and Mathematics, and Music.
• Biology has 361 majors. It should be safe.
• There was a discussion about Pre-X majors (such as Pre-Social Work) and Education Majors counting toward major count per department.
• Programs that may be considered for cutting:
  o Agriculture  
    ▪ Keeping 1 tenured professor to teach Agri-Business.
  o Chemistry  
    ▪ Transitioning to 5 instructors for service courses.
  o Family & Consumer Sciences  
    ▪ Keeping the Child Development Center and Emily Williamson.
  o Philosophy
  o Military Science
  o An English instructor
  o The Latin instructor
  o 5 Math Instructors (if the cuts are $2.7 million instead of $2.3 million)
• The listed cuts will affect 6 tenured professors.
• At 4:40 pm, Dean Cass adjourned the meeting.