Faculty Advisory Committee Meeting
December 13, 2011

Present: Chris Chase, Rebecca Darnell, Jim Olmstead, Saba Rathinasabapathi

1. Discussion of Hub and motions made by HS faculty – The FAC agreed that the second motion passed unanimously by the HS faculty – “The control of departmental soft money is retained by the unit that accrues the funds” was the most critical, as this goes beyond the Hub concept and would set a precedent for the upper administration to seize departmental IDC and SHARE money. The FAC agreed that - after the chair’s meeting December 19 - either the chairs (if they agree) or Steve and the HS FAC should meet with Jack Payne to discuss this.

2. Curriculum Committees – Chris and Saba gave updates on the graduate and undergraduate curriculum revision committees. Concerns about lack of instructors for some graduate courses have been addressed in the short term by adding graduate sections to some undergraduate courses. In the long term, all HS graduate courses should be reviewed to determine what changes need to be made in course offerings. The undergraduate committee has not yet met as a full committee. It was suggested that regular meetings should be set-up so the revision effort is not sidelined. The concept of teaching modules was discussed and Saba will research what, if any, undergraduate programs at other institutions use this model so that advantages and disadvantages can be discussed by the curriculum committee.