College of Sciences and Arts
College Council Agenda, March 20, 2012

I. Discussion
   A. Student Success Center plans: Bonnie Gorman (2:00-2:30)
   B. IT Support Update: CSA Liaisons Hopp, Gemignani and Watrous (2:30 – 3:00)

II. News
   A. Computer Science Code writing (Steve Carr: attached below)
   B. AQIP Accreditation visit update
   C. Status of charter updates? (Department chairs)
   D. Vitae Updates: Digital Measures (Max email 3/16)
   E. Bhakta Rath award nominations deadline extended (Reed email 3/19)
   F. Student teaching evaluations for Fall 2011
      5 departments with no scores below 3.0 on Q20 (AF, Army, Chemistry, KIP, SS)
      Total of only 9 faculty in the other 7 departments.
      Chair follow-up due to Max by April 20.
   G. Gen Ed update: (Brad and Bruce)
   H. SURF recipients announced: 7 in CSA
      http://www.mtu.edu/research/archives/awards/surf/

III. On-going Issues
   A. Charter revisions:
   B. Assessment Activities: Learning Goals for programs / map classes against Univ. goals
   C. Enrollment Targets: Review and revise enrollment targets; discuss appropriate faculty loads
Description of the Code Writing Center:

The new center would be specifically intended for researchers and upper level students in other departments (i.e. not CS) seeking assistance in designing, writing, optimizing or simply cleaning up computer code related to their research or coursework. This would include but not be limited to help with Matlab, Mathematica, Perl and Fortran code. While there currently are resources on campus to provide help with programming problems such as the CS Learning Center and IT's Research Support <https://it.mtu.edu/research-support/>. The CS Learning Center is not suited to handle questions and issues related to many of the languages used outside of the CS dept. IT on the other hand may be able to help with larger problems such as finding computing resources and getting the software need for a project, but their help desk staff would not be able to provide the same level of help that a walk-in center staffed by upper level CS majors could provide for many smaller programming problems.