**Council Members Present:** Wendy Faith Morris (CS), Amanda Tingle (BME), Kim Doerr (ChE), Trish Ashley (DO), Natalie Edwards (ECE), Lisa Stanton (MAE)

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by Co-Chairperson, Wendy Faith Morris.

Our guest speaker was Professor William Johnson (MSE). Professor Johnson gave an overview of the work of the SEAS strategic planning committee. Areas currently being reviewed are the undergraduate program, graduate program, research, organizational alignment and finance.

Under the proposed strategic plan, overhead funds will be distributed differently. Departments will receive funding based upon the number of courses/students that they teach. The purpose of this aspect of the plan is to provide incentive to schools and departments. Departments will also have the ability to determine salaries.

The completed strategic plan is due the end of May and should be ready for examination in June. If the Dean chooses to adopt the plan, then it will take effect at the start of the 2013 fiscal year.

The planning committees welcome input from staff and faculty. It was suggested that a joint faculty/staff informational meeting take place. It was also suggested that a blog be set up to allow for exchange of ideas between employees and the various committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 2pm in the Rodman Room.

Submitted by: Lisa Stanton, Secretary