**Minutes**

**Budget Advisory Council (Spring 2015)**

**Thursday, March 19th in Burke Library room 103**

Present: Balmori, Fabian; Byrne, Mark; Church, Samantha (co-chair); Dodsworth, Christopher; Ferry, Michael‎ (co-chair); Girard, Stephanie‎‎; Shirazi, Rhonda

Guest: John Barter

1. The meeting was called to order by the chair at 12:15p.m.
2. Rhonda Shirazi and John Barter updated the committee on the board-approved budget for FY15/16 (which includes a 5% increase in tuition and fees and a 3% increase in room and board).
3. Committee members raised the issue of faculty/staff compensation in the FY15/16 budget; in particular committee members questioned the priorities of the College in issuing faculty March contracts that lacked, for a seventh year, any increase (even for inflation) in base compensation. The rationale for non-adjustment is based on the College’s current financial position and uncertainties regarding its future financial position.
4. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.