The School of Dentistry Faculty was called to order by Chair Shiboski on April 16, 2009 at 8:04 a.m. in room D-3209. A quorum was present.

Minutes of the March 19, 2009 Meeting
Minutes of the March 19, 2009 Meeting will be approved over email.

Chair’s Report
Chair Shiboski made these announcements:

1. Coordinating Committee has been postponed, therefore she has nothing to report.
2. Due to the difficulties in finding chairs for the various committees of the Council, Chair Shiboski aims to set Council and committee membership early this year. She queried the Council on how best to proceed and whether a bylaw change might be in order to solve the ongoing problem. S. Patel suggested putting a call out for committee chairs when conducting Faculty Council elections.

Dean’s Report
Dean Featherstone made these announcements:

1. Last week, a senior leadership retreat consisting of Department Chairs, Deans, and Faculty Council Representatives was held. The focus of the meeting was the current budget situation. This fiscal year, state funding will be cut buy $1M. Next fiscal year, $2M more will be cut.
2. The budget workgroup headed by Brian Schmidt, compiled and reviewed all the suggestions and comments submitted. From this data, it became clear that the DDS program and research endeavors should be protected at all times.

Clinic Closures – M. Kirkland
Even though patients and production have both increased, the Department of Preventive and Restorative Dentistry (PRDS) must still make cuts. While rotations will continue as usual, there will no longer be a perio clinic on Friday afternoons. This reduced clinic time will give the department the opportunity to save
money. For example, if there are only eight students on a Friday afternoon, a dispensary will not be necessary. Overall, staff time will be reduced from 100% to 90%.

Discussion
Some members expressed concern over whether such cuts will result in reduced material for students. D. Perry assured the Council that content will not be reduced by moving towards a more independent study module. These modules will increase reading assignments and require students to prepare for class instead of just passively sitting through class. E. Burgon opined that even though the current four hour lecture blocks are not ideal, he cautioned the faculty against too much independence.

Student Report – Eric Burgon
E. Burgon made these announcements:
1. The Associated Dental Students (ADS) is working to increase the diversity of the student body, especially within the LGBT community. Student leadership is working with Dean Shultz and student groups to increase and improve collaboration.
2. Students are concerned about which faculty are leaving. Many students are losing mentors and want to know what they can do to mitigate the situation. The students met with Bill Bird and have decided to draft an email to clarify the situation and to encourage students to write a letter to Dr. Bird so that the letters go in the faculty file. These letters can be beneficial, especially if they are recalled.
3. Student leadership will be transitioning on April 22nd.
4. Today is Expo Day in Milberry Union. He encouraged faculty to stop by.

Faculty Retreat Planning
J. Lee informed the Council that Department Chairs have been notified to tentatively hold September 26, 2009 for the Faculty Retreat. The goal is to keep the retreat concise. Current agenda items include the state of the school and the state of the departments. She queried the faculty for what they want to talk about. Some ideas included: a presentation on new teaching methods, a keynote speaker addressing difficult economic times with solution-based talk, and distance learning. Dean Featherstone had suggested strategic planning last year, but now would like a separate strategic planning retreat. J. Lee thanked the Council for their input and will provide an update at the next meeting.

Student Leave of Absence
C. Damsky reviewed the necessary amendments to the Student Leave of Absence Policy. The Council had some edits. Pending these changes, the Council will vote on the final document over email.

Departmental Reports
Cell and Tissue Biology
The department is dealing with developing a compensation plan in response to the budget cuts as these cuts are proving to be punitive to many faculty members.

Oral and Maxillofacial Sciences
No report.

Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences
Bill Bird and the division chairs are having discussions regarding non-renewals. The decision process is ongoing.

Orofacial Sciences
Orofacial Sciences is also undergoing the same non-renewal process.

Committee Reports
Admissions
D. Perry reported that the school is losing top candidates to other universities simply because we cannot offer competitive enough scholarships.

**Academic Planning and Budget**
No report.

**Education Policy Committee**
No report.

**Scholarship**
No report.

**Old Business**
None.

**New Business**
None.

There being no further business, Chair Shiboski adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.