Attendees: Ernie May, Susan Sturgeon, Jim Rinderle, Scott Stangroom, Deborah Picking, Kathy Debevec, Dick Bogartz (Chair)

1. The Minutes of the November 15th meeting were unanimously approved.

2. The Council reviewed a proposal for the UMass Innovation Institute which received interim approval from Vice Chancellor Michael Malone. The APC supports the proposal for the UMASS Innovation Institute. It does not believe that there is an inherent conflict between the University and corporate sponsors of the research; however, as the Institute evolves, it is critical that appropriate policies be put in place which are consistent with the academic values of the University and respect academic freedom. The Council recommends that a joint task force composed of members of the Administration and Faculty Senate councils involved in the review of the proposal be set up to develop the policies. In addition, continuing involvement and oversight of the policies and Institute by a review board is critical as the policies and Institute evolve.