1. The Minutes of the November 29th meeting were unanimously approved.

2. The Council reviewed and unanimously supported a proposal for an International Scholars Program Certificate submitted by Commonwealth Honors College. The Certificate recognizes undergraduate students who have completed the existing International Scholars Program. The Council suggests that the International Programs Office and Commonwealth Honors College consider including courses in the proposal that address the diasporic movement of people as well, since International Studies is the focus of the proposal. An example of such a course is the “Archaeology of African Diaspora.”

3. Bryan Harvey described the focus of an upcoming proposal involving the establishment of “Schools within Colleges.” The proposal arose from CHASS discussions. Several departments expressed an interest in the proposal including Fine Arts, Communications and Journalism, and Computer Science. Schools of Music are much more common than Departments of Music. The proposal is really about creating an identity for a department and competing on a grander stage for grants. The new identity can include a logo, branding and a website and enhance fundraising and recruiting. It can create a cooperative recruiting arrangement among departments. For example, the departments of Art, Music, and Theater can be considered the School of Arts. A School of the Built Environment (SOBE) could encompass LARP, Art & Architecture, and Environmental Conservation. The proposal lets research centers/departments the ability to offer a curriculum. It would allow departments that currently have subdivisions to separate and/or align with other units on campus.