It was decided that a quorum did not exist and that no votes would be taken, however it would still be appropriate to receive the scheduled report from the Dean.

I. Approval of Minutes from 10/23/12 – Deferred until Friday, November 9th.

II. Presentation: Dean Finkelstein presented a handout which covered the overall goals of CAS budgeting and rough estimates of major allocations within the College of Arts and Sciences budget (e.g. undergraduate research, faculty supplementals, summer research grants, the Summer Science Institute, the Honors Program). He noted that he is most interested in building revenue enhancing programs, particularly at the Master’s level. He explained that approximately $300,000 toward undergraduate research ($123,000 for undergraduate research and $150,000 for the Summer Science Institute) is quite sizable for an institution of this size. He also offered an overview of equipment funding ($115,000) and ETF support ($190,000 in FY 12) and the adjunct budget ($850,000 to $1,000,000).

J. Romero asked about the adjunct budget vis-à-vis the pay scale. The Dean stated that he was not in favor of a change to the pay scale because it would impact the College’s number of adjuncts. D. Hall asked if we track the trends in the growth of majors and how those trends have impacted position allocation. The Dean stated that they only new positions would be those that have come to the institution through STEM funding (mathematics and environmental science). He explained that in his time at UMW, the College has replaced all departing full-time faculty—but that no new lines have been added. B. Friesner asked about how decisions on positions are made. The Dean explained that he makes recommendations on hiring to the Provost who makes the decision about all staffing. For forthcoming Master’s programs in GIS and National Security Studies needed new lines could be funded through salary savings. With the Nursing completion program he expects that that program will be self-sustaining. He explained that with the nursing completion program the institution would also not likely need additional new full-time faculty. A brief discussion about enthusiasm for the nursing program and its relationship to Mary Washington Health Care, Spotsylvania, and the consultants working with the Dean to develop the program. The Dean anticipates a full proposal coming forward in February/March of 2013. D. Hall also asked about National Security Studies.

The Dean suggested that he will be seeking grants through CEE (Econ), CLEAR (Climate and Environmental Action Readiness Plan--banks, university, etc.), and CeSAR (GIS). When queried about grant support, the Dean stated that he supports it
on its own merits, and as a way to support undergraduate research and public relations/marketing.

The discussion then turned to the effects of the last four year on CAS? The effects of economy have been a flattening, and nothing is changing. President can authorize isolated bits and pieces, but by and large things are staying flat. No raises has been the largest impact. R. Pearce said in fact our EG budget has increased. The Dean thanked the committee for the opportunity present and state that he is happy to return and talk about operational budgets.

III. FY 2013-2014: R. Pearce said that the president/provost will put out the word that individual colleges will not be putting forward as many new funding requests. FY 2013-14 will be targeted, so UBAC will have a more focused role this year.

IV. Update on Speakers and Locations
   a. Friday, November 9th: Dean Richardson in GW 106
   b. Tuesday, November 13th: Carol Descak in Lee 414
   c. Tuesday, November 20th: Dean Gendernalik-Cooper in GW 106
   d. Tuesday, November 27th: Torre Meringolo in GW 106