The regular meeting of the University Council was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. in Tucker Technology Center Rm. 139, with Nowell Donovan, Chair, presiding.

MINUTES
The minutes of the February 27, 2007 meeting were approved. Dr. Donovan informed the committee members that he was considering introducing a consent agenda format beginning with the 2007-08 academic year. He asked them to keep that in mind, and he would ask for input at the close of the meeting.

POLICIES

Plus/Minus Grading for Graduate Students – Melhart explained that the policy was for graduate programs so that the system would parallel that used in undergraduate programs. Mills moved to approve policy as presented. Motion was seconded and carried. Policy will go into effect fall 2007.

TABLED ITEMS

ACADEMIC APPEALS POLICY
Bonnie Melhart explained that there were two appeals policies written, one by Undergraduate Council (University Appeals Policy) and one by Graduate Council, with only minor differences between the two. A sub-committee made up of Bonnie Melhart, Pat Miller, David Whillock and Paulette Burns met and merged the two documents, resulting in the Academic Appeals Policy being submitted for approval.
Mills expressed concern that there was nothing in the policy requiring a timely response to the student making the appeal. There was also concern that there was no statement in the policy about materials being made available to the student. Issues of confidentiality were discussed if grade books were made available to the student which contained the grades of other students. It was decided that it was best not to include any statement about availability of materials. Miller moved to change “…six academic days following the last day of final examinations” to “…five academic days into the next long semester.” Motion was seconded and hand vote taken. Motion carried. Vanbeber moved to add “The faculty member is expected to respond within 5 academic days of the initiation. If there is no response from the faculty member the student may present the issue directly to the department chair.” Motion was seconded and hand vote taken. Motion carried. Lahutsky moved to approve the policy as amended. Motion passed and policy will go into effect fall 2007. (final policy attached)

Food Management Program – Change in Minor Requirements
VanBeber explained requested change. McCracken moved to approve proposal as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. New requirements effective fall 2007.

MBA Program – Change in Program Requirements
Miller explained changes requested. Lahutsky moved to approve proposal as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. New requirements effective fall 2007.
CHANGE IN PROGRAM OR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Business

- M.B.A Change in Core Requirements
- P.M.B.A Change in Core Requirements
There was no representative from the School of Business at the meeting but Miller explained changes requested. Melhart moved that both proposals be considered together. Motion was seconded and carried. McCracken moved to approve proposals as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. New requirements effective fall 2007.

Communication

- B.S. Degree w/major in AD/PR
- B.S. Degree w/major in Broadcast Journalism
- B.S. Degree w/major in International Communication (Ad/PR)
Sullivan moved to consider these three items together. Motion was seconded and carried. Sullivan moved to approve three proposals as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. New requirements effective fall 2007.

- B.S. Degree w/major in NEPD
- B.S. Degree w/major in NEPJ
- B.S. Degree w/major in NEWS
Slater explained that these proposals were to drop Computer Science as a corollary requirement because students now come to TCU with more than adequate computer knowledge. Slater moved to approve all three proposals together as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. New requirements effective fall 2007.

Education

- M.Ed. w/major in Counseling
- Educational Foundations Program Name Change
Deitz explained changed proposed. Volcansek moved to approve two proposals together as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. Changes effective fall 2007.

Fine Arts

Dance Program Mission, Degree Statement Certification Statement Changes
Shelton explained that changes requested resulted from their accreditation process. Sullivan moved that proposal be approved as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. Changes effective fall 2007.

- Dance Program Required Courses and Credit Hour Change
- Dance Program Departmental Policies Change
Shelton explained need for the changes proposed. Sullivan moved to approve the two proposals together as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. Changes effective fall 2007.

M.A. in Art History Change in Requirements
Sullivan moved that proposal be approved as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. New requirements effective fall 2007.

Design, Merchandising & Textiles Change in Minor Requirements
Sullivan moved that proposal be approved as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. New requirements effective fall 2007.
Humanities & Social Sciences

B.A. Degree w/major in English
Williams explained proposal. Volcansek moved proposal be approved as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. Change effective fall 2007.

- B.A. w/major in Political Science
- B.A. w/major in Political Science (International Relations Emphasis)
- B.S. w/major in Political Science
Sullivan moved to consider these three items together. Volcansek moved proposals be approved as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. Changes effective fall 2007.

Criminal Justice Change in Program Requirements
Volcansek moved proposal be approved as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. New requirements effective fall 2007.

Religion Change in Program Requirements
There was nothing in the proposal that actually required Council approval. Council agreed to reaffirm the proposal and approve the formatting.

Nursing & Health Sciences

- COSD Change in Program Requirement
- COSD Change in Program Requirement SPPA
- COSD change in Program Requirements DEAF
Deitz moved to approve three proposals together as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. New requirements effective fall 2007.

Kinesiology ATTR Program Description, Requirements
Burns explained that the changes were to meet accreditation requirements. Flahive moved approval of proposal as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. New requirements effective fall 2007.

Kinesiology HEFI Program Description, Requirements
Flahive moved approval of proposal as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. New requirements effective fall 2007.

Kinesiology Program Requirements (restricting minors offered)
Deitz explained proposal. McCracken moved approval of proposal as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. New requirements effective fall 2007.

Kinesiology Program Requirements – PEAL major
Volcansek moved approval of proposal as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. New requirements effective fall 2007.

Science & Engineering

- B.S. Degree w/major in Engineering (1)
- B.S. Degree w/major in Engineering (2)
- B.S. Degree w/major in Engineering (3)
Bittle gave brief explanation of proposals. McCracken moved that all three proposals be approved as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. Changes effective fall 2007
NEW PROGRAMS

B.A. Degree (Major in Writing) and Minor in Writing
Volcansek explained rationale for the new program and moved that proposal be approved as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. New program effective fall 2007.

B.A. Degree w/major in Modern Language Studies
Fairchild explained that the request for this program is a result of the program review process. Volcansek moved that the proposal be approved as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. New program effective fall 2007.

D.N.P – Doctor of Nursing Practice
Burns explained the need for the new D.N.P. and how it will benefit our nursing program and entire University. Deitz moved approval of the proposal as submitted. Motion was seconded and carried. New program effective fall 2007.

OTHER BUSINESS

Donovan opened discussion about the use of a “consent agenda” beginning next year. It was agreed that policy items and new programs should not be included on the consent agenda. The agenda will be made available to all committee members one week prior to the Council Meeting and any member can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and submitted independently. Donovan thanked members who will be leaving the Council for their service.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40.