Present: Nowell Donovan, Chair, Paulette Burns, Greg Cantrell, Sam Deitz, Bill Diong, Donna Johnson, Paul King, Nadia Lahutsky, Mike McCracken, Bonnie Melhart, Linda Moore, Pat Miller, Andrew Schoolmaster, Dan Short, Bill Slater, Scott Sullivan, Australia Tarver, Jace Thompson, Peggy Watson  GUESTS: Brett Major, Bill Moncrief, Ryan Morgan, Harry Parker,

The regular meeting of the University Council was held on Monday, November 19th at 3:30 p.m. in the Tucker Technology Center, Room 139, with Nowell Donovan, Chair, presiding.

Consent Agenda: Pat Miller moved to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded and carried.

- The Minutes of the September 4, 2007 Meeting
- 2008-09 Academic Calendar
- Finance Major – Change in Program Requirements – effective Fall 2007
- Communication – Change in Program Requirements – effective Fall 2008
- Nurse Anesthesia – Change in Program Requirements – effective Fall 2008

Regular Agenda:

M.J. Neeley School of Business – Change in Program Requirements – Moncrief explained the need to require a minimum 2.5 GPA for pre-business majors who have completed 24 graded credit hours to continue as pre-business students. There are too many undergraduates “log-jamming” in their sophomore year and repeating courses. It also allows students who are not making degree progress to identify other degree plans as early as possible. Moore asked about the University revising GPA requirements and Moncrief explained that this does not change the GPA requirement, only when it must be met. Lahutsky asked if it excludes AP programs, and Moncrief said that it does. Miller moved approval. Motion was seconded and carried. New requirements effective fall 2008.

Executive MBA Program – Change in Program Requirements – Short explained the need to for revisions to shift the strategic focus and calendar. Miller moved approval. Motion was seconded and carried. New requirements effective spring 2008.

BA in Theatre – Change in Program Requirements & BFA in Theatre – Change in Program Requirements – Sullivan moved that these two items be addressed together. Motion was seconded and passed. Sullivan asked Harry Parker to explain the request. Parker said they are proposing 17 new courses and removing 12, and this can be accomplished with current faculty and adjuncts and adding tenure-track as positions are available. Moore commented that this is a lot of hours and Parker said it is consistent with competitive programs. Sullivan agreed that this is standard and less than other Fine Arts majors. Watson asked if some of the added courses will meet core requirements, and Parker says they will be addressing that by adding some of the courses as Core Requirement courses. Sullivan explained that BFA has no minor so those 18 hours go back into the program. He assured that accreditation is important, but they are not trying to minimize the liberal arts culture. Miller asked about adding so many adjuncts and Sullivan said because of the good Metroplex environment for theatre, it is possible to hire qualified adjuncts. Sullivan
moved approval of both proposals. Motion was seconded and passed. New requirements effective fall 2008.

**Kinesiology – Change in Grade Requirements** – Miller asked if this proposal means they are opting out of +/- Grading. Burns said they are not, but they do not want accept below a C. Sullivan moved approval. Motion was seconded and carried. Change in program effective spring 2008.

**Theatre – Drop Emphasis in Film & Television** – Parker explained that the BFA in Theatre with emphasis in Film & Television was originally a joint degree. Its enrollment has dropped to only 4 students this year. They have been discouraging the degree through advising and would not like to drop it completely. Dietz commended the department for making the suggestion. Miller moved approval. Motion was seconded and carried. The program will be dropped effective fall 2008.

**School of Music – add Master of Music Education in Piano Pedagogy** – Sullivan explained the current program trains students to teach in public schools. This new program would prepare students to teach outside public schools. Deitz asked if they will also be certified K-12 and Sullivan said they will. Deitz said that the College of Education can handle the extra load this program will create. Moore moved approval. Motion was seconded and carried. New program will be effective spring 2008.

**OTHER**

Sullivan asked how the items are selected to be placed on the Consent Agenda. Johnson asked the Registrar to review all the items and determine which ones would most likely require discussion. Short suggested that all items be included on the consent agenda. Sullivan made motion that the Registrar continue to make the determination. Motion was seconded and carried.

Jace Thompson introduced Brett Major as the new Vice President of the Student Government Association. Dr. Donovan thanked Jace for all he has done and his outstanding service during his time as Vice President and President of the SGA.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

**ELECTRONIC BALLOT** – On Monday, December 3, 2007 Johnson emailed an electronic ballot to all members of the University council. The two items below were approved unanimously by the 19 members of the Council responding.

1. [Classical Studies – Change in Program Requirements](#)
2. [Italian Minor – Request for New Program](#)

Donna Johnson
Recording Secretary