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UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
November 11, 2008

Present: Nowell Donovan, Chair, Julie Baker, Arnold Barkman, Paulette Burns, Bill Diong, Homer Erekson, Lynn Flahive, Gerald Gabel, Donna Johnson, June Koelker, Mike McCracken, Bonnie Melhart, Pat Miller, Linda Moore, Mary Patton, Thomas Pressly, Andrew Schoolmaster, Cecilia Silva, Scott Sullivan, Catherine Wehlburg, David Whillock  Guests: Lyn Dart, Ellen Page Shelton

The regular meeting of the University Council was held on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in the tucker Technology Center, Room 139, with Provost Nowell Donovan presiding.

Provost Donovan called the meeting to order and turned the meeting over to Pat Miller.

Consent Agenda

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- Minutes of April 28, 2008 meeting
- BS with major in Economics – Change in Requirements
- Economics Major with minor in Accounting or Finance – Change in Requirements
- Modern Languages French Minor – Change in Requirements
- Sociology, CJ & Anthropology BS in Criminal Justice – Change in Requirements
- Nutrition Minor – Change in Requirements
- Psychology Child Development Program – Change in Requirements

Motion was seconded and carried.

Agenda

2009-10 Academic Calendar – Sullivan asked if proposed calendar coincided with the FWISD calendar. Miller was not certain the FWISD calendar had been finalized, and assured that if it there was a conflict we will amend the TCU calendar. Diong proposed to change Fall Recess to the Monday and Tuesday that coincide with Columbus Day. Diong pointed out that Thursday labs were impacted three times during the fall semester. Pressly commented that students might not be in favor of the change. After a brief discussion, Miller reminded Committee members that the calendar was approved annually. Therefore if this was not met favorably in fall 2009, it could be changed back to Thursday and Friday for 2010. Baker moved to approve the calendar with the amended Fall Recess dates of October 12 and 13. Motion was seconded. A verbal vote was not conclusive. After a show of hands, 11 in favor and 4 opposed, the calendar was approved as amended.

Nutrition Major – Change in Requirements – Dart described the change in requirements with the anticipated goal of increasing the pass rate for professional exams. McCracken added that the change was being made at the encouragement of the accrediting body. Gabel moved to approve. Motion was seconded and passed. New requirements effective date fall 2009.

Journalism Major – Change in Requirements – Whillock explained that the change was driven by the accrediting body. The School chose to add a writing course rather than substitute a course. Moore moved to approve. Motion was seconded and passed. New requirements effective fall 2009.

EDCS Curriculum Studies – Change in /requirements – Silva gave a brief overview of the changes being proposed. Whillock moved to approve. Motion was seconded and passed. Change in requirements effective spring 2009.
**EDAD Education Administration – New Program** – Silva gave brief overview of changes being proposed. Melhart reported that students enrolled in the Program are not eligible for Stafford loans and moved that the information be stated in the catalog copy. Flahive moved to approve with friendly amendment. Motion was seconded and passed. New program effective spring 2009.

**MFA in Ballet or Modern Dance – Change in Program** – Shelton gave overview of the proposed changes as needed for accreditation issues. NASD has approved the requested changes. Barkman asked if resources will be available for new faculty position required. Donovan responded that the funds would not be available for 2009-10. Shelton asked for a vote of confidence in passing the proposal contingent on funding for the faculty position. Members discussed the need for contingency. Moore moved to approve proposal without contingency. Motion was seconded and passed. Changes effective fall 2009.

**MSN Pediatric CNS – Change in Program** – Burns explained that Children’s Hospital in Dallas had requested the addition of a pediatric CNS track in our CNS major and an addition of a post masters certificate as a pediatric CNS. Whillock moved to approve proposal. Motion was seconded and passed.

**Other Business** – Donovan spoke to the Committee about the impact of the current world-wide financial circumstances on the TCU budget. He reported that there would most likely be no new faculty positions in the upcoming year and a possible 8 percent campus-wide budget cut.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20.