MINUTES
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
December 8, 2004

Present: Nowell Donovan, Chair, Sam Deitz, Lynn Flahive, David Grant, Jack Hill, Suzanne Huffman, Rhonda Keen-Payne, Mike McCracken, Pat Miller, Don Mills, Becky Roach, Bob Seal, Cecilia Silva, Bill Slater, Scott Sullivan, Mark Thistlethwaite, Anne VanBeber, Bob Vigeland, Mary Volcansek, Chuck Williams, Morri Wong. Visitors: Joanne Green, Linda Moore and Mike Slattery.

The regular meeting of the University Council was held on Wednesday, December 8 2004 at 3:00 p.m. in the Tucker Technology Center, Room 139, with Nowell Donovan, Chair, presiding.

MINUTES
The minutes of the April 26, 2004 meeting were approved as corrected; the minutes of the October 29, 2004 meeting were approved as distributed.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR
Pat Miller moved to approve the proposed official calendar for 2005-06 and the proposed tentative calendar for 2008-09. The motion was seconded and a question was raised concerning ongoing discussions regarding a possible schedule change in Fall Break and the Thanksgiving holiday. Don Mills moved to lay the motion on the table. The motion was seconded and carried.

The motion was taken from the table and the proposed official calendar for 2005-06 and the proposed tentative calendar for 2008-09 were approved by the Council in an email ballot on January 31, 2005.

M.ED. DEGREE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
Sam Deitz moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the M.Ed. degree in Elementary Education. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. A friendly amendment was accepted to edit the proposed catalog copy by adding the minimum number of hours required for the degree and by changing the designation of “major” to “core” and by changing the designation of “minor” to “major.” The motion was carried. The new requirements will be effective for entering graduate students in the fall 2005.

M.A. AND M.S. DEGREES WITH MAJOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
Bill Slater moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the master’s degree in Environmental Science, which specifies that the M.S. degree will require at least 30 hours with a thesis and the M.A. degree will require 36 hours with no thesis. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements will be effective beginning in the fall 2005 for entering graduate students.

B.S. DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
Morri Wong moved to approve the proposed change in the number of hours of clinical practice required for the major. Lynn Flahive reported that the proposed change is necessitated by changes in certification and accreditation standards. The motion carried, and the new requirements will become effective in the spring semester 2005.

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE (B.S.W.)
Morri Wong moved to approve the proposal to eliminate the required minor for the B.S.W. degree. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements will become effective in the spring 2005.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN WOMEN’S STUDIES
Mary Volcansek moved to approve the proposed graduate certificate program in Women’s Studies. The motion was seconded. Joanne Green discussed the rationale for initiating the certificate program and noted that the certificate would be awarded only in conjunction with the receipt of a M.A. or Ph.D. degree. The Council requested that this stipulation be clarified in the proposed catalog copy. The motion
was carried. The new graduate certificate program will be available for graduate students beginning in the spring 2005.

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MASTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (M.E.M.) DEGREE
Mike McCracken moved to approve the proposed new Master of Environmental Management degree. The motion was seconded. Chuck Williams confirmed that the Neeley School supports the proposal and can accommodate MEM students in the associated business courses required for the degree. The motion was carried. The new degree will be available to new graduate students beginning in the fall 2005.

MINOR IN THE PSYCHOLOGY OF LEADERSHIP
Morri Wong moved to approve the proposed new minor in the Psychology of Leadership. The motion was seconded and discussion followed concerning the need for additional information about the specific courses required for the proposed minor. Mary Volcansek moved to lay the motion on the table. The motion was seconded and carried. The Psychology Department will be asked to provide the Council with additional information pertaining to the rationale for the proposed minor and course syllabi for the required courses.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Becky Roach
Recording Secretary