MINUTES
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
April 25, 2005

Present: Nowell Donovan, Chair, Sam Deitz, Lynn Flahive, Suzanne Huffman, David Grant, Jack Hill, Rhonda Keen-Payne, Mike McCracken, Pat Miller, Becky Roach, Bob Seal, Cecilia Silva, Scott Sullivan, Carol Thompson, Anne VanBeber, Mary Volcansek, David Watson, Peggy Watson, Morri Wong. Visitors: Richard Allen, Lewis Glaser, Joan McGettigan, Bonnie Melhart, Bob Neilson, Sherrie Reynolds, Cameron Schoepp, Ellen Shelton, Ron Watson, Maggie Thomas, Molly Weinburg.

The regular meeting of the University Council was held on Monday, April 25, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in the Tucker Technology Center, Room 139, with Nowell Donovan, Chair, presiding.

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The minutes of the February 28, 2005 meeting were approved as distributed.

EDUCATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS/CONSORTIA RELATIONSHIPS
Dr. Donovan reported to the Council that in compliance with SACS criteria requirements all educational agreements are reviewed annually by the responsible academic administrator, the Assistant Provost, and the University attorney when appropriate, and are on file in the Assistant Provost’s office. The Associate Provost for Academic Affairs reviews all international affiliations/consortia relationships on a periodic basis as warranted. A list of such agreements was distributed to the Council members. Copies of all relevant documents are on permanent file in both the Assistant Provost and Associate Provost offices. Future substantive changes in any agreements/affiliations will be brought to the attention of the Council annually.

POLICY FOR DEMONSTRATING BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS
Pat Miller moved to approve the proposed policy. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. Bonnie Melhart provided information concerning the SACS criteria relative to basic computer skills. The implementation of this policy during summer 2005 will be used in part to demonstrate to SACS that TCU’s graduates are required to be competent in the basic use of computers. The motion carried. At the request of the Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities, a disabilities statement will be added to the catalog copy of this policy. (Copy of approved policy is attached.)

DISRUPTIVE CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR AND LACK OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY
Dean McCracken discussed the rationale for the proposed policy, which has been recommended by the University attorney and reviewed by both student affairs and academic affairs staff. David Grant moved to postpone action on the proposed policy so that the Registrar can review the policy for consistency with other student policies. The motion was seconded and carried. A final draft of the proposed policy will be sent via email to the Council for consideration.

The proposed policy, which included editorial changes suggested by the Registrar, was subsequently approved by an email ballot on May 5, 2005. This policy will replace the current “Dismissal, Suspension and Expulsion for the Lack of Academic Progress, Disruptive Behavior, or Professional Misconduct Policy” in the updated undergraduate and graduate catalogs and will be added to the Student Handbook. (Copy of approved policy is attached.)

B.F.A. DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN STUDIO ART
Dean Sullivan moved to take from the table the motion to approve the change in requirements for the major in Studio Art. The motion was seconded and carried. Cameron Schoepp explained the error that was included in the original proposal and the correction that has been made. Dr. Sullivan moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the major in Studio Art. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements for the major will be effective with the fall semester 2005.
B.A. AND B.S. DEGREES WITH MAJORS IN BROADCAST JOURNALISM AND NEWS/EDITORIAL JOURNALISM
Dr. Huffman moved to approve the proposal to add JOUR 40981, Senior Seminar in Journalism, as a required course for journalism students with these majors in all sequences or emphases. Thus, the total semester hours required for each major will be increased by one hour. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements will be effective in fall 2005.

B.A. DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION-News Editorial specialization and Ad/PR specialization
Dr. Huffman moved to approve the proposed changes in the specialization titles and the associated requirements. The titles are to be changed from News Editorial to News and from Advertising/Public relations to Global Advertising/Public relations. Maggie Thomas explained that the proposed changes will serve as a clarification of requirements for students in this major. Pat Miller recommended that a statement be added to the catalog copy to indicate that the courses associated with the emphasis in international studies will be determined by the student’s advisor. The motion was seconded and carried. The change in titles and requirements for these specializations will be effective in the fall semester 2005.

B.A. DEGREE WITH MAJOR RELIGION
Dr. Grant moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the major in Religion. He also provided information about the restructuring of the major. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements will be effective in the fall semester 2005.

MINOR IN RELIGION
Dr. VanBeber moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the minor in Religion. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements will be effective in the fall semester 2005.

B.A. DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN RADIO-TV-FILM
Dr. Huffman moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the major in Radio-TV-Film. Richard Allen noted that the proposed changes will alter the procedures that students must follow to enroll in RTVF courses beyond the 10000-level and will also provide a clarification of specific requirements for the major. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements will be effective in the fall semester 2005. Pat Miller pointed out that a “department or major” GPA is not currently maintained by the Registrar. Dr. Hill moved to place the issue of program-related GPA requirements on the agenda for discussion at a future Council meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

MINOR IN RADIO-TV-FILM
Dr. Silva moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the minor in Radio-TV-Film. The proposal involves a change in the GPA requirements for prerequisite courses for the minor. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements will be effective in the fall semester 2005.

B.F.A. DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN GRAPHIC DESIGN
Dean Volcansek moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the major in Graphic Design. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements will be effective in the fall semester 2005.

B.F.A. DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN BALLET
Dean Volcansek moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the major in Ballet. Ellen Shelton discussed the rationale for the proposed changes and will make editorial corrections to the proposed catalog copy as recommended by the Council. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements will be effective in the fall semester 2005.

B.F.A. DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN MODERN DANCE
Dean Sullivan moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the major in Modern Dance. The motion was seconded and carried. Ellen Shelton will make the same editorial corrections in the proposed catalog copy for this major. The new requirements will be effective in the fall semester 2005.
B.F.A. DEGREE WITH DOUBLE MAJOR IN BALLET & MODERN DANCE
Dean McCracken moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the double major. The motion was seconded and carried. Ellen Shelton will make the same editorial corrections in the proposed catalog copy for the double major. The new requirements will be effective in the fall semester 2005.

B.S.E. WITH MAJOR IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
Dr. Wong moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the major in Early Childhood Education, Generalist EC-4 ESL/Special Ed/Bilingual Options. Dean Deitz discussed the rationale for the proposed change in requirements for the various options. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements will be effective in the fall semester 2005.

B.A. AND B.S. DEGREES WITH MAJOR IN CHEMISTRY
Dean McCracken moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the major in Chemistry. Bob Neilson discussed the justification for a comprehensive revision of the major requirements. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements for the Chemistry major will be effective in the fall semester 2005.

B.S. DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN BIOCHEMISTRY
Dr. Wong moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the major in Biochemistry. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements for the Biochemistry major will be effective in the fall semester 2005.

MINOR IN CHEMISTRY
Dean Keen-Payne moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the minor in Chemistry. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements for the minor will be effective in the fall semester 2005.

PH.D. DEGREE IN EDUCATION STUDIES: SCIENCE EDUCATION
Dean Deitz moved to approve the proposed new Ph.D. degree program. The motion was seconded and discussion ensued. Molly Weinburg addressed questions related to (1) the mission and objectives of the new program, (2) the ongoing collaboration between the School of Education and the College of Science & Engineering in the area of science education, and (3) the additional resources that will be needed as the degree is phased in during the next four years, including library holdings, faculty, funding for graduate students, etc. The motion was carried with the proviso that minimal funding is currently available. The new doctorate will be available beginning in the fall semester 2005. It was discovered that three pages of the proposal had been omitted from the copies provided to the Council. Becky Roach will forward a complete electronic copy of the proposal to all Council members.

M.ED. DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN SCIENCE EDUCATION
Dean McCracken moved to approve the proposed new master’s program in Science Education. The motion was seconded and carried. The new master’s degree in Science Education will be available beginning in the fall semester 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Becky Roach
Recording Secretary

Attachments: (1) Policy for Demonstrating Basic Computer Skills and (2) Disruptive Classroom Behavior and Lack of Academic Progress Policy.