MINUTES
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
April 26, 2004


The regular meeting of the University Council was held on Monday, April 26, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. in the Tucker Technology Center, Room 139, with William Koehler, Chair, presiding.

MINUTES
The minutes of the February 2, 2004 meeting were approved as distributed.

EDUCATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS/CONSORTIA RELATIONSHIPS
Dr. Koehler 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 University attorney when appropriate, and are on file in the Assistant Provost’s office. The Associate Provost reviews all international affiliations/consortia relationships on a periodic basis as warranted. 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.

B.S. DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
Mary Volcansek moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the major in Political Science. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements will be effective in the fall 2004 for any new students in the major.

B.A. DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY
Mary Volcansek moved and it was seconded to approve the proposed change in requirements for the major in Sociology. Carol Thompson addressed questions related to the proposed increase in number of hours for the major. A friendly amendment to the proposed catalog statement was accepted. The amended catalog statement will read: “...Students must average a minimum of 2.0 in all Sociology letter-grade courses taken for the major....” The motion as amended was carried. The new requirements will be effective in the fall 2004.

MINOR IN LIGHTING FOR VISUAL PRESENTATION
Dr. Volcansek moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the Lighting for Visual Presentation minor. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements will be effective in the fall 2004.

B.S. DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN COMPUTER INFORMATION SCIENCE
Don Mills moved to approve the proposed change in requirements and name of the Computer Information Science program. Dr. Rinewalt explained the rationale for the proposed name change and new requirements. The motion was seconded and carried. This action serves to eliminate the major in Computer Information Science (CISC) and approve the major in Computer Information Technology (CITE). The new major will be available beginning in the fall 2004.
B.B.A. DEGREE - GPA REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION
Suzanne Huffman moved to approve the proposed overall 2.5 GPA requirement for graduation with the B.B.A. degree. Dean Volcansek voiced opposition to the proposal; Dean Lusch addressed questions raised about the ramifications of the proposal. Issues discussed included the problem of grade inflation, the nature of student advising, and the current grade definitions at TCU. The motion was seconded and carried. This requirement will be effective for all new Business majors beginning in the fall 2004.

B.B.A. DEGREE WITH EMPHASIS IN LEADERSHIP STUDIES
Dean Lusch moved to approve the re-worded proposal for the emphasis in Leadership Studies. The motion was seconded and carried. The Leadership Studies emphasis will be available in the fall 2005.

B.A. DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN THEATRE
Scott Sullivan moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the B.A. degree with a major in Theatre and provided an overview of the proposal. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. A friendly amendment was accepted to retain the sentence regarding the minor requirement and to incorporate appropriate new wording for the foreign language requirement in the proposed catalog copy. The motion as amended was approved. The new requirements will be effective in the fall 2004.

B.F.A. DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN THEATRE
Dean Sullivan moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the B.F.A. degree with a major in Theatre. Harry Parker discussed the rationale for the proposed changes, as well as the new areas of emphasis in acting, musical theatre, film and television, design and production. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements and areas of emphasis will be effective in the fall 2004.

MINOR IN THEATRE
Pat Miller moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the Theatre minor. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements will be effective in the fall 2004.

B.S. DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
Rhonda Keen-Payne moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the major in Speech-Language Pathology. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements will be effective for new majors beginning in the fall 2004.

MINOR IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS
Pat Miller moved to approve the proposed elimination of the senior project option for the minor in Communication Disorders. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements will be effective in fall 2004.

AP CREDIT IN ECONOMICS
Bob Lusch moved to approve the proposal to change the required score from 3 to 4 on the AP Microeconomics or Macroeconomics exams for awarding three credit hours in Economics. The motion was seconded and carried. A score of 4 on the AP exam will be required for the awarding of Economics credit for entering students beginning in fall 2005.

MINOR IN CLASSICAL STUDIES
Mary Volcansek moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the minor in Classical Studies. The motion was seconded and carried. The revised requirements will be effective in fall 2004 for new students declaring a minor in Classical Studies.
ENVIROMENTAL SCIENCE PROGRAM
It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed change in the requirements for the major and minor in Environmental Sciences. Ray Drenner summarized the rationale for the proposed changes. A friendly amendment was accepted to delete the reference to a specific person as Director of the Environmental Science Program from the proposed catalog copy. Additionally, Dr. Drenner was asked to determine if the 60000-level course in Biology listed as a required course for the major is correctly identified. The motion as amended was carried. The new requirements for both the major and minor in Environmental Science will be effective beginning in fall 2004.

M.S.N. DEGREE – A.D.N. TO M.S.N TRACK
David Grant moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the A.D.N. to M.S.N. track. Dean Keen-Payne provided an explanation of the proposed changes. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements will be effective for new graduate students entering the program in fall 2004.

M.S.N. DEGREE – POST MASTER’S CERTIFICATE
Dean Keen Payne moved to approve the proposed addition of a post master’s certificate option to the existing adult medical-surgical clinical nurse specialist program. The motion was seconded and carried. The post master’s certificate option will be available to graduate students entering the program in fall 2004.

ARTIST DIPLOMA IN PIANO PROGRAM
Pat Miller moved to approve the proposed changes in the Artist Diploma in Piano program. Richard Gipson provided information about the NASM accreditation requirement to have separate tracks for students who are pre-baccalaureate and those who are post-baccalaureate level, which has necessitated the proposed change. The motion was seconded and carried. The separate tracks for students at different levels will be available beginning in the fall 2004.

EVENING (PROFESSIONAL) M.B.A. DEGREE
Carol Thompson moved to approve the proposed change in requirements for the Evening (Professional) M.B.A. degree. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements will be effective for new graduate students entering the program in fall 2004.

M.S. DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
Don Mills moved to approve the proposed change in the number of clock hours of clinical practice required for the master’s degree in Speech-Language Pathology. The motion was seconded and carried. The new requirements will be effective for graduate students entering the program in fall 2004.

MINOR IN RUSSIAN
Dean Volcanseck moved to approve the proposed elimination of the minor in Russian. The motion was seconded and carried. Since there are no students currently enrolled in the program, the Russian minor will be dropped effective immediately.

B.B.A. DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN SUPPLY & VALUE CHAIN MANAGEMENT
Dean Lusch explained the rationale for the proposed new major in Supply & Value Chain Management. Dean Volcanseck moved to approve the proposed new major. The motion was seconded and carried. The major in Supply & Value Chain Management will be available beginning in the fall 2004.
SECOND MASTER’S DEGREE POLICY
Morri Wong moved and it was seconded to approve the proposed policy pertaining to second master’s degrees. A friendly amendment was accepted to substitute the word “additional” for the word “second” both in the title and throughout the policy statement and to delete the word “transfer” in line 4. The motion as amended was carried and will be effective in fall 2004. The Additional Master’s Degree policy will be added to the Graduate Studies Bulletin.

NEELEY SCHOOL GRADUATE PROGRAM POLICY ON GRADES
Don Mills moved and it was seconded to approve the proposed addition of a policy on satisfactory academic progress to the Neeley School Miscellaneous Academic Policies section of the Graduate Studies Bulletin. A friendly amendment was accepted to substitute the words “grades of C+ or lower” for “grades lower than B-” in the proposed policy statement. The motion as amended was carried and will become effective immediately.

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

Becky Roach
Recording Secretary