

*Memorandum of Understanding between the University Materials Council (UMC) and the
Materials Research Society (MRS)*

This memorandum is intended to specify the basic principles for the interaction between the UMC and the MRS.

1. The UMC is not affiliated with any professional society and expects to cooperate with a broad range of materials related societies whenever appropriate synergies exist.
2. Each year, beginning in 2010, the UMC will hold one of its biannual meetings in conjunction with one of the biannual MRS meetings. This may be the Fall meeting in Boston or the Spring meeting in San Francisco. The UMC Executive Committee is responsible for specifying its schedule one year in advance. The UMC will advise MRS in the event that scheduling conflicts or special events preclude a UMC meeting in conjunction with an MRS meeting in an upcoming year.
3. The MRS will provide administrative and logistical support for the UMC valued at \$10,000 each year. This support may be used for meeting costs (for meetings held in conjunction with the MRS), development of UMC resources on the world wide web, collating and archiving survey data, publicity for UMC activities, and other administrative functions (including website hosting, if desired, to begin in 2011) to facilitate the UMC mission.
4. The UMC and the MRS will seek opportunities to cooperate in other areas including the publication of reports, providing resources for materials education and accreditation, collecting and publicizing information on the current state of materials research and education, and advancing diversity.
5. Either the UMC or the MRS may decide to end this interaction at any time. It is intended, however, that both parties would work to maximize the synergy between the two organizations as part of a multi-year, non-exclusive agreement. As such, it is incumbent on both parties to ensure clear communication and timely resolution of issues that may arise. There should be at least one annual communication between the UMC Chair and the MRS Executive Director. Any issues of concern should be communicated directly between the UMC Chair and the MRS Executive Director and a corrective action plan agreed upon. If an issue is not resolved satisfactorily within a reasonable time, the decision to end this interaction should be communicated between the UMC Executive Committee and the MRS Executive Director.

Chair of the UMC

(date)

MRS Executive Director

(date)