Memorandum of Understanding between
the University Materials Council (UMC) and The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society (TMS)

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

1. The UMC is not affiliated with any single professional society and expects to cooperate with a broad range of materials-related societies whenever appropriate synergies exist.

2. Each year, beginning in 2011, the UMC will hold one of its biannual meetings in conjunction with a TMS society meeting. The UMC will advise TMS in the event that scheduling conflicts or special events preclude a UMC meeting in conjunction with a TMS meeting in an upcoming year.

3. TMS 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 TMS) and other administrative functions that facilitate the UMC mission.

4. The UMC and TMS will seek opportunities to cooperate in other areas that serve the mutual interests of the two organizations.

5. Either the UMC or TMS 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 TMS Executive Director. Any issues of concern should be communicated directly between the UMC Chair and the TMS 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 TMS Executive Director.

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Chair of the UMC (date)

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TMS Executive Director (date)