

DEDMAN COLLEGE
UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes from October 19, 2000

The Undergraduate Council met on Thursday, October 19, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. in 121 Dallas Hall. Present: Dean Kathy Hayes, and Dean O.T. Hargrave (*ex officio*), and Professors Melissa Dowling, Raj Deb, Fred Olness, Christine Buchanan and David Wilson and student representatives, Read Pierce and Steven Urban. Professors Bonnie Jacobs, Rick Cogley, and Alastair Norcross and Assistant to the Dean for Special Projects, Jeanene Anderson, were guests.

Minutes from the September 21, 2000 Undergraduate Council were **approved**.

Announcements:

The Educational Programs Committee of the Board of Trustees approved the Markets and Culture Major. It will now go to the SACS Committee for approval.

A new rubric, "Thematic Courses" was created for Spanish courses which do not fit into existing categories.

Environmental Science Addition of Biology Emphasis to Environmental Science Major Proposal:

Professor Bonnie Jacobs attended the meeting to answer questions regarding the proposal to add a Biology emphasis to the Environmental Science major. The Council was supportive of more biology courses being added to the core curriculum for Environmental Science. The Council voted to **approve** the addition.

New Course Proposals:

Professor Rick Cogley attended the meeting to answer questions regarding the course, **RELI 4381: *Internship in Religious Studies***. The Council voted to **approve** the proposal.

Professor Cogley also commented on the proposal to cross list **RELI 3315, *Religion in Politics*, as PLSC 3368**. The course would be taught by either Professor Elverskog of the Religious Studies department, or Professor Wilson of the Political Science department. The content of the course would vary depending on who the instructor was for the particular semester. Professor Elverskog would provide an Asian focus; Professor Wilson would focus on Europe and America. The RELI description would be rewritten to be more general. The Council questioned why two courses aren't created since the content will be different depending on who is teaching. Professor Cogley emphasized the advantage of having students from both departments interacting together and increasing the enrollment to assure the course will "make." Dean Hayes suggested the proposal be **tabled** until Professor Cogley and Professor Jillson can provide more information to demonstrate that the courses are similar enough to be co-listed.

New Course Proposals:

Professor Alastair Norcross was present to represent **PHIL 3377: *Animal Rights: the Ethics of Human Treatment of Animals***. The Council voted to **approve** the course.

HIST 4397: *Internship in History*, was presented for approval. The Council voted to **approve** the course with one minor word change.

Course Proposal:

Dean Hayes requested that the Council take another look at **PLSC 3390: *Negotiating International Trade***, which was tabled last month. The Council had been concerned about the 3000 level number and the lack of prerequisites required. It was explained that introductory courses in the Political Science department are assigned 3000 level numbers. The student representatives were supportive of the course, particularly the opportunity to experience real life experiences which are not common in the classroom. The students also thought the course would be advantageous for students trying to decide whether to major in Political Science or Public Policy. The Council voted to **approve** the course with a revision of the catalogue description to 30 words or less.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. Next month's meeting will be held November 16.

Respectfully Submitted,

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