DEDMAN COLLEGE
UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes from February 9, 2001

The Undergraduate Council met on Friday, February 9, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. in 121 Dallas Hall. Present: Dean Kathy Hayes, and Dean O.T. Hargrave (*ex officio),* and Professors Thomas Arp, Melissa Dowling, David Goodson, Christine Buchanan, David Wilson and Raj Deb, and student representative, Read Pierce. Professors Gordon Birrell, Marie-Luise Gättens, Manju Bansal, and John Goodge were guests.

The minutes for the January 19, 2001 meeting were approved.

New Course Proposal: German 3313: *Germany Today: People, Culture, Society*
Professors Gordon Birrell and Marie-Luise Gättens attended the meeting to answer questions regarding the Foreign Languages and Literature course proposal, German 3313: *Germany Today: People, Culture, Society.* The course number formerly indicated, *Readings and Composition: Austrian Newspapers*; the course topic was so altered that it was submitted as a new course. The Council voted to **approve** the proposal.

New Course Proposal: HIN 2401 & 2402: *Intermediate Hindi*
Professor Manju Bansal joined the meeting to represent the new course proposal: HIN 2401 & 2402: *Intermediate Hindi.* Last year was the first time Dedman College offered HIN 1401 & 1402. This is a continuation for those students who enrolled last year. The Council voted to **approve** the proposal.

New Course Proposal: GEOL 4321: *Internship in Geoscience*
Professor John Goodge attending the meeting to answer questions related to GEOL 4321: *Internship in Geoscience*. There was one small change, clarifying that the internship is an unpaid experience. The Council **approved** the course pending the correction to the proposal.

New Course Proposal: BIOL 3310: *Behavioral Ecology*
Professor Christine Buchanan, a member of the Council, answered questions about this course. The Council **approved** this course.

Announcements:
Dean Hayes approved a title change of **ENGL 3341** from *Women in the Age of Victoria* to ***Victorian Gender.***

Dean Hayes approved assigning **RELI 4397** and **4399** from *Directed Reading and Research* to ***Independent Study***.

Religious Studies requested that **PSYC 3358**: *The Psychology of Religion* be allowed to count towards the major or minor in Religious Studies. Dean Hayes approved.

ANTH 2321: *Dawn of Wisdom* was accidentally dropped from the system and Dean Hayes approved it being reactivated.

Dean Hayes approved the addition of **ANTH 4392**: *Independent Studies*. Previously, there were only independent studies courses offered for one-hour or two-hour credit.

The Council discussed a memo from Dean Patterson to Professor Buchanan regarding the difficulties in admitting transfer students. One issue was the Dedman College policy regarding credits earned at a Junior College after the student has been enrolled at SMU. The policy is clearly communicated on page 89 of the Undergraduate Bulletin. Similar courses taken at SMU are more challenging and prepare students more completely for majors and minors at SMU. The second issue involves the policy that prohibits students enrolled in Non-Degree Credit Studies from transferring to a degree program. The University admissions office, not Dedman College, is responsible for admitting students to SMU. Admissions criteria are stated in the Undergraduate Bulletin as University Admission policies. Once a student has matriculated, Dedman College accepts SMU courses to be applied to a Degree Program.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. Next month's meeting is scheduled for March 2.

Respectfully Submitted,

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