

DEDMAN COLLEGE
UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes from September 10, 2001

The Undergraduate Council met on Monday, September 10, 2001, at 3:00 p.m. in 121 Dallas Hall. Present: Dean Kathy Hayes, Professors Thomas Arp, Christine Buchanan, Rajat Deb, Kathleen Wellman and David Goodson, and student representatives Andrea Betts and Lisa Lopez.

Professor Arp agreed to serve as Secretary for the Undergraduate Council for the 2001-2002 academic year. The minutes for the April 6, 2001 meeting were approved.

Spanish change proposals:

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures proposed a change to requirements for the B.A. degree in Spanish. The wording in the catalog (pp.141-142 of the 2001-2002 Undergraduate Catalog) will be changed to include an additional option for the spoken Spanish requirement.

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures proposed a change to requirements for the Minor in Spanish: to include an additional option for the spoken Spanish requirement.

Both proposed changes were **approved**.

New Course Proposal: RELI 3377: *Cultural History of Tibet*

New Course Proposal: RELI 3371: *Religion and Culture in the Greco-Russian World*

Professor Wellman verified that neither of these proposed courses overlap courses offered in the History department. The Council voted to **approve** both proposals.

New Course Proposal: MDVL 3XXX: *Medieval Towns* (short title)

The Council was concerned that this course may overlap with HIST 3350 and/or HIST 3351, two medieval survey courses. The Council **tabled** the proposal.

New Course Proposal: MDVL 5XXX *Byzantine History, 285-1453*

The Council had concerns about whether there was any overlap in this course with a history course. The Council didn't think the course material appeared to be at the 5000 level. The Council **tabled** the proposal.

Proposal to Change BIOL 5319 to BIOL 5419:

The Biology Department proposed to change BIOL 5319: *Immunobiology*, a two-lecture hour, one-lab hour course, to BIOL 5419: *Immunology*, a three-lecture hour, one-lab hour course. The course content required an extra lecture hour and this proposed change would make it consistent with other laboratory offerings. The name change is a more accurate name in the field. The Council voted to **approve** the changes.

New Course Proposal: PLSC 3392: *Model UN*

This course was proposed to the Council last spring as PLSC 4392: *Model UN*. The Council **did not approve** the course at the April 6, 2001 meeting. The Council was concerned about the academic content, the travel requirement and the funding. The revised proposal has been changed to a 3000 level course and class participation at Model UN in New York was divorced from the SMU International Relations Club. Also, now no part of the grade is dependent on participation in NY. It was the Council's opinion that if the course were only taught in the fall, then the class participants can join the IR club and attend the NY Model UN without being a separate team. The Student Senate funding will then only go to IR club members. Dean Hayes will propose this change to Professor Wegren, the instructor for the proposed course.

Announcements:

- Dean Hayes approved the Psychology Department's request to change the title of PSYC 5363 from *Psychology of Motivation* to the *Psychology of Emotion*.
- The Environmental Science Program's course prefix was changed from *ES* to *ENSC* at the request of the Registrar.
- The schedule of upcoming fall 2001 Undergraduate Council meetings was presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas R. Arp