# DEDMAN COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL Minutes from October 12, 2001

The Undergraduate Council met on Friday, October 12, at 3:00 p.m. in 121 Dallas Hall. Present: Dean Kathy Hayes, Professors Thomas Arp, Christine Buchanan, Kathleen Wellman and David Wilson, and student representatives Andrea Betts and Lisa Lopez. Professors Michael Hollahan, Eric Kartchner and Bonnie Jacobs attended as guests.

The minutes for the September 10, 2001, meeting were approved.

## New Course Proposal: ENGL 1362: Crafty Worlds: Novels in Our Time

Professor Michael Hollahan attended to answer questions about this course. The Council expressed concern that the course required no writing assignments other than essay questions on tests and quizzes. Professor Hollahan defended the structure explaining that the class will most likely be very large, approximately 90 students, and is meant to "cast a wide net" and encourage students to continue in English studies. The Council noted that many other courses, both in English and in other departments, provide instruction through written assignments. The Council voted to **table** the course. The Council asked Dean Hayes to speak to Professor Foster about the possibility of making the class smaller and adding outside writing assignments.

New Course Proposal: SPAN 5361: *Don Quixote: the Idea, the Character, the Book*Professor Eric Kartchner attended to represent this course proposal. The Council voted to approve the course.

### New Course Proposal: HIST 3322: Native American History

Professor Wellman was present to answer questions regarding all of the History course proposals. The Council was concerned that this course may overlap a course taught by John Phinney in the Anthropology Department. The Council voted to **approve** the proposal **subject to** contacting Mr. Phinney and verifying that the course does not overlap with his course ANTH 3353, *Indians of North America*.

### New Course Proposal: HIST 3348: US Family History

Professor Arp suggested a slight change to the catalogue description so that it will fit the 30 word maximum. The Council voted to **approve** the proposal **subject to** a paragraph being added under *II. Need for the Course*, explaining the History department's need for the course.

### New Course Proposal: HIST 5344: American Cultural History

The Council voted to **approve** this course subject to the correction of a typographical error on page 3.

### New Course Proposal: BIOL 3395: Biology Internship

The Council voted to approve this course proposal.

### **Curriculum changes in the Environmental Science Program**

A course, GEOL 4321: *Internship in Geosciences*, was proposed as an elective in the Environmental Science degree program. It was also proposed that ME 2342: *Fluid Mechanics* and ENCE 3341: *Introduction to Solid and Hazardous Waste Management* be added to the earth science emphasis elective choices, and that ME 5317: *Groundwater Hydrology and Contamination* and ENCE 2304: *Introduction to Environmental Engineering and Science* be eliminated from the list of electives. The Council **approved** these changes.

### **Changes in Course Names and Additional Course Requirement for Economics**

The Council voted to **approve** the changes in names of the following Economic courses: ECO 4390: *Workshop in Current Economic Issues* to *Independent Study in Economics* 

ECO 4398: *Honors Readings Seminar* to *Departmental Distinction in Economics* They also voted to **approve** a minimum GPA of 2.5 in Economics for students to take ECO 4390: *Independent Study in Economics*.

The Economics Department was asked to submit a formal course proposal for ECO 4399: *Honors Readings Seminar*.

### Old Business: PLSC 3392: Model UN

Professor Wegren responded to the Council via email regarding the unapproved status of his course proposal, PLSC 3392: *Model UN*. The Council regretted that Professor Wegren's experience with the Council has been unpleasant for him.

#### **Announcements:**

- In next month's meeting Dean Hayes would like the Council to discuss the lack of cross-listing controls in place through Peoplesoft.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 12, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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