

DEDMAN COLLEGE
UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes from November 12, 2001

The Undergraduate Council met on Monday, November 12, at 3:00 p.m. in 121 Dallas Hall. Present: Deans Kathy Hayes and O.T. Hargrave, Professors Christine Buchanan, Kathleen Wellman, Raj Deb, David Goodson and David Wilson, and student representative Andrea Betts. Professors Bonnie Wheeler, Beth Newman and Jim Hollifield attended as guests.

The minutes for the October 12, 2001, meeting were approved.

New Course Proposal: MDVL 4XXX: *Byzantine History*

New Course Proposal: MDVL 4XXX: *Towns, Trade and Revolution in the Medieval West*

Professor Bonnie Wheeler attended to answer questions about these two MDVL courses. Both of these courses are also being proposed to the Graduate Council as 6000 level courses. Professor Wheeler stated that the Master of Liberal Arts program approved the courses as well. The Council asked Dean Hayes to check to make sure that the courses at the 4000 level will not include MLA students in the same classes. The Council voted to **approve** both course proposals.

New Course Proposal: HIST 3379: *A Cultural History of New Mexico*

Professor Kathleen Wellman answered questions about this course proposal. It is to be offered in the Taos program. The Council voted to **approve** the course.

New Course Proposal: ENGL 3375: *Expatriate Writers: The Invention of Modernism*

Professor Beth Newman was present to answer questions regarding this course proposal. Currently, the course will only be offered in the SMU in Paris program. It replaces ENGL 3360 which had, throughout the years, mutated enough to warrant proposing a new course. The Council voted to **approve** the course.

New Course Proposal: INTL 3386: *India Today: Literature, History, Culture*

Professor Jim Hollifield attended today's meeting to answer questions regarding this course proposal and the curriculum changes in International Studies. The Council did not find the content of the INTL 3386 to be academically rigorous enough to warrant a 3000 level listing. The Council voted to **table** the course proposal and inform Professor Hollifield that it will reconsider the proposal if it is presented with a more demanding academic content.

Proposed curriculum changes in the International Studies programs

Professor Hollifield explained that course additions were made to make the offerings in the International Studies programs more current. Additions in the basic curriculum were made in the Global Perspective section. The Asian Studies minor curriculum, the European Studies minor curriculum and the Latin American Studies minor curriculum were rewritten to include the Global Perspective category. Courses were added to the International Studies programs. Revisions were made to the curriculum for the major in Latin American Studies. The Council voted to **approve** all the curriculum changes in the International Studies program.

New Course Proposal: CHEM 5192: *Inorganic Synthesis Laboratory*

Professor Goodson explained that the changes in the American Chemical Society's Committee on Professional Training for certification of undergraduate degree programs makes it necessary for the Chemistry department to make changes. The new course proposal, CHEM 5192, a one-hour laboratory course, was added to replace CHEM 3359. The course was **approved** by the Council.

Curriculum changes in the Chemistry Department's degree programs B.A. and B.S programs and change in B.S. in Environmental Chemistry

In order to meet the requirements of the American Society's Committee on Professional Training for certification of undergraduate degree programs, the Chemistry Department proposed changes in the B.A. and B.S. programs and the B.S. in Environmental Chemistry. The Council voted to **approve** the proposed changes.

Controls for cross-listings

The Council asked Dean Hayes to determine how she could be informed of cross-listings of Dedman College courses. Then if she becomes concerned about the appropriateness of a cross-listing she can bring it before the Council.

Announcements:

- HIST 3322: *Native American History* does not overlap with ANTH 3353: *Indians of North America* according to John Phinney, instructor for ANTH 3353.
- The title of PSYC 5363 was changed from *Psychology of Motivation* to *Psychology of Emotion* in April, 2001. This announcement was previously made in the Graduate Council but wasn't announced in the Undergraduate Council.
- Letter to Professor Steve Wegren was sent informing him of the Council's desire to offer PLSC 3392: *Model UN* during a different semester than the Model UN conference.
- In next month's meeting the Council will compare the General Education Course Proposal form with the Dedman College Course Proposal form to see if the Council would like to change it to be the same as the GE course proposal form, as it was previously.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 3, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Dean Hayes thanked Dean O.T. Hargrave for his many years of service on the Undergraduate Council. Dean Hargrave has resigned as Associate Dean for Student Academic Affairs effective, December 31, 2001.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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