DEDMAN COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL Minutes from September 13, 2002

The Undergraduate Council met on Friday, September 13, at 3:00 p.m. in 121 Dallas Hall. Present: Deans Kathy Hayes, Kathleen Hugley-Cook and Lisa Johnston, Professors Christine Buchanan, Thomas Arp, David Wilson, Raj Deb, Alexis McCrossen and Mike Lattman, and student representative Alli Segal. Professors Caroline Brettell, Bonnie Jacobs, Brad Carter, Gordon Birrell, Randall Scalise, and Fred Olness attended as guests.

The minutes for the April 22, 2002, meeting were corrected and approved.

New Course Proposal: ANTH 3399: *Mammoths, Molecules, Migrations: In Search of Ice Age Americans*Professor Caroline Brettell was present to answer questions about all three anthropology course proposals and the B.S. change is Sociology. The Council requested that the title be shortened to *In Search of Ice Age Americans*. The Council approved this course proposal.

New Course Proposal: ANTH 3333: The Immigrant Experience

The Council **approved** this course proposal.

New Course Proposal: ANTH 3344: Culture and Business

The Council thought the title *Culture and Business* would not clearly represent the content of this course to the average student who doesn't understand *culture* from an anthropologist point of view. The Council suggested changing the title from *Culture and Business* to *Cultural Aspects of Business*. This course proposal was **approved** with a change in title.

New Course Proposal: PP 33XX: Environmental Policy

Professor Bonnie Jacobs attended today to answer questions about this course that had been tabled in April, 2002. At that time the Council requested more information about the need for the course for the Environmental Science major. The course does not exist in any form at SMU and would benefit environmental science majors, and public policy majors. The Council voted to **approve** this course.

New Course Proposals: PLSC 3381: Current Issues in International Relations

Professor Brad Carter attended the meeting for this course proposal. Since this course is already in the catalog there was not need for approval. It will go before the General Education Council for approval as a Cultural Formations course.

New Course Proposals: FL 3352: French Cinema from 1895-1945

FL 3353: French Cinema from 1945-present

The Council had concerns that there was overlap in these two courses. Some Council members thought that some of the time watching films should take place outside of class-time; there was also the suggestion that the two courses could be combined. The two course proposals were **tabled**.

New Course Proposals: PHYS 3333: The Scientific Method: Critical & Creative Thinking (formerly proposed with the title Debunking Pseudoscience)

Professors Fred Olness and Randall Scalise attended the meeting regarding this course. The course was first submitted at *Debunking Pseudoscience* but changed to the *Scientific Method: Critical & Creative Thinking* to more accurately reflect the course content. The council **approved** this course.

Professor Brettell spoke of the request to change the B.S. in Sociology. The department would like to change a Sociology major requirement from the present version, *SOCI/ANTH 3322 or an equivalent course*, to an old version, *STAT 2331 or an equivalent course*. The professor who has been teaching SOCI/ANTH 3322 will be retiring and there will no longer be anyone in the department to teach the course. The Council **approved** the change to the B.S. in Sociology.

Proposal to renumber ENGL 5375 to ENGL 3377

The English Department proposed changing the number of ENGL 5375, *Structure of the English Language*, to ENGL 3377. The change would bring the course into alignment with English's present offerings and the content would be adjusted to the targeted students. The Council **approved** the proposal.

Proposal to change the title of PHIL 3362 from *History and Philosophy of Science* to *Creativity and Discovery in Science*

This proposal was tabled in February, 2002, so that Philosophy could provide the Council more information. The Philosophy department clarified that the substance of the course is not changing; only the title is changing, and is appropriate for the content. The Council **approved** the title change.

There was discussion regarding reviewing the internship program. Dean Hayes will present to Jeanene Anderson, director of the internship program, a list for the Council to review, including what departments have internships, where the internships take place, the titles of the papers written, quality of internships, if they are paid. She will also request information on other schools' internship programs. There seem to be a lot of "gray" areas regarding the pay issue and quality of experience. It was thought that perhaps summer internships should have different rules from fall and spring internships.

Announcements:

CHEM 1403 and 1404 were inactivated as directed by the Chemistry department and then reactivated by the advising office to be used for transfer credit.

The title for ANTH 3327 is changed from *Economic and Political Change in Global Society* to *Cultural Change and Globalization: Social Science Perspectives*

Inactivated courses: MATH 5377, ANTH 3348, 5900, ECO 4196, 4197, 4297, 5500, 5501, 5600, 7002, CHEM 3222

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Arp