

**DEDMAN COLLEGE
UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes from September 21, 2004**

The Undergraduate Council met on Tuesday, September 21, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. in 121 Dallas Hall.

Present: Deans Kathy Hayes and Kathleen Hugley-Cook; Professors Eric Barnes, Christine Buchanan, Mike Lattman, Nina Schwartz, and Matt Wilson; Student Representative Carrie Ince; Guests Professors Van Kemper, Mike Adler, Lisa Ahnert, Gordon Birrell, Karen Westergaard, Peter Moore, and Bruce Ayati.

The minutes for the February 23, 2004, were approved.

The Undergraduate Council unanimously elected Professor Matthew Wilson, Department of Political Science, as the Undergraduate Council Faculty Secretary for AY 2004-05.

New Course Proposal: ENGL 2302: *Business Writing: Effective Communication at the Workplace*

Professor Nina Schwartz, Council member, presented the new course. She reported that the course is not intended for English majors and cannot be taken in lieu of a literature course, but it can be taken as an elective. The texts being used are not ones that would be used in a business school environment. The primary emphasis of ENGL 2302 is rhetorical writing. It was developed to meet the needs of the new Markets and Culture major. The course proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposal: ANTH 3351: *Forensic Anthropology: Stories Told by Bones*

Professor Van Kemper attended to answer questions. The course was previously offered to the Council, but the presenters were asked to revise the proposal to reflect the following: the prerequisite "*knowledge of the human skeleton, ANTH 2315, or permission of instructor*" is deleted from the proposal. Instead, students will be given an on-line review of material covering human anatomy during the first week of class. Assignments and course time-lines have been altered to reflect this addition. No substantive changes or additions were made to the original proposal. The course proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposal: ANTH 5681/5981: *Field Methods in Archaeology*

Professor Michael Adler attended to answer questions. He reported that no substantive changes have been made to the existing class taught in Fort Burgwin. The course description has been changed to reflect that this is a research class based on fieldwork and is essentially a lab course. Students can now take the course as a lab science course without petitioning to do so. The course proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposal: CHIN 4382: *Chinese Culture and Society in Film*

Professors Lisa Ahnert and Gordon Birrell attended to answer questions. The course proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposal: DNSH 1301: *Beginning Danish*

Ms. Karen Westergaard and Professor Gordon Birrell attended to answer questions. Ms. Westergaard reported that the course is taught only in Denmark in affiliation with Study Abroad and International Programs. The course is not taught by SMU faculty, and no substantive changes are being made to the existing course. Administrative change is being made to list the course on the master list (but not in the SMU catalogue) so that the procedure for applying for transfer credit for a course essential to the existing program is easier. No student is allowed to self-enroll in the course. The course proposal was **approved**.

Proposal to co-list CF 3395: *A Cultural Journey into China* as FL 3395

Professor Lisa Ahnert attended to answer questions. She reported that this course was not cross-listed initially due to time constraints and not being sure how it would be received by students. It was cancelled the first semester it was offered due to the SARS epidemic in Asia and SMU's cancelling all courses in Asia. The students taking the course as a CF listing are typically minoring in Chinese or Asian Studies. This course is taught only in China proper. The course proposal was **approved**.

Proposal to change the total aggregate hours of retroactive credit that may be earned by taking the FL placement test in two or more languages from 12 to 14 hours

Professor Gordon Birrell attended to answer questions. The proposal was **approved**.

Proposal for a modification of the requirements for a B.A. degree in Foreign Languages

Professor Gordon Birrell attended to answer questions. The proposal was **approved**.

New Description for Course Proposal: FL 3312: *Women in Modern China*

Professors Lisa Ahnert and Gordon Birrell attended to answer questions. Professor Ahnert reported that fewer texts will be given as required reading, but more emphasis will be given to interpretation and discussion. Professor Birrell noted that male writers of Chinese will be included in the reading list. Professor Ahnert added that the inclusion of male writers is not in conflict with the title of the course and the course description. The proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposal: BIOL 3222: *Molecular Genetics Laboratory*

Professor Christine Buchanan, Council Member, presented the course. Professor Buchanan noted that the lab offered will be a two credit hour lab due to its being offered for 3 hours each meeting time. The proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposal: BIOL 4370: *Biotechnology and Nanotechnology*

Professor Christine Buchanan, Council Member, presented the course. Professor Buchanan said that this course was being offered in the hopes of attracting chemistry as well as biology students. The proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposal: MATH 4335: *Mathematical Biology*

Professors Peter Moore and Bruce Ayati attended to answer questions. Professor Buchanan noted that there is no biology course prerequisite. Professor Ayati said that an overview of biological terms and concepts would be given at the beginning of the course. He said that math majors are targeted for this course, and it is an effort to get students interested in biology and how to introduce undergraduates to introductory applications in problem solving in the field of biology. It is hoped that the course will give graduate math students an introduction to biology research through faculty and facilities. The proposal was **approved**.

Proposal for Changes to the Economics Undergraduate Degree Plan

Dean Kathy Hayes, Council Member, presented the proposal. She stated that the degree plan requires STATS 2301. Since STATS 2331 and STATS 2301 are equivalent courses, STATS 2331 should be added to the prerequisite list. The proposed change was **approved**.

Dean Hayes made the following announcements:

- In an e-mail vote regarding the Markets and Culture major, the Undergraduate Council approved adding ANTH 3350 and PLSC 4355 (already approved course proposals) to and eliminating FREN 4355 (Track 1 and Track 2), FREN 4373, PLSC 3345, 3347, 3351, 3355, 3387, 4329, 4311, 4332, 4354, and 4385.
- Dean Hayes approved the title change for HIST 3358 from *Europe and the Age of the Renaissance, 1300-1520*, to *The Renaissance*.
- In March 2004, Dean Hayes approved History Department's proposal that only 6 hours of AP credit in history be counted as credits in the major. This change appears in the 04-05 Undergraduate Catalog.
- In March 2004, Dean Hayes approved the Economics Department's proposal to add the following prerequisites for the courses below:
 - ECO 5101, 5201, 5301: Topics (to be specified in title). Prerequisites: ECO 3301 and ECO 3302 or permission of instructor.
 - ECO 4101, 4202, 4301: Topics (to be specified in title). Prerequisites: ECO 3301, and ECO 3302 or permission of instructorThese were added to the 04-05 Undergraduate Catalog
- Professor Birrell clarified an entry in the Jan. 20, 3004 Minutes by adding a note that "this course" in the second sentence refers to CHIN 4381.
Proposal to change the description and offerings of the Minor in Chinese
*Professor Birrell also represented this proposal. He explained that this course and HIST 3398 are being added to the list of courses that will count toward a Minor in Chinese degree. The Council voted to **approve** the proposal.*
- Dean Hayes approved the Math Department's proposal to drop the option to complete the statistics specialization of the mathematics major since STAT 5344 and 5374 are not offered. There are still five remaining specializations in the mathematics major. The 04-05 Undergraduate Catalog reflects this change.
- Darrah Rippey, in the Registrar's Office, asked the departments to "clean up" their course offerings over the summer. The following is a list of Course Catalog Update Forms sent in by departments that Dean Hayes approved:

Modify:

Add lab – FREN 3455

Delete lab – MATH 2343, 1309

Change to Directed Study – ENGL 3199, 3399, 4393, 4394, MDVL 3398,
3399

Change to Independent Study – ENGL 5301, 5302, 5303, MDVL 5301,
5302, 5398, 5399

Change to Pass/Fail – PSYC 4161, ANTH 5033

Add instructor consent and option to take course two times – RELI
4388/4389

Inactivate:

MATH 5336, PP 4306, PLSC 5320, 5341, 5342, 5343, 5344, 5370, 5383, BIOL
1306, 1307, 2341, 3191, 3198, 3292, 3298, 3308, 3309, 3321, 3341, 3345, 3367,
3368, 3404, 4199, 4299, 4302, 4303, 4312, 5114, 5130, 5302, 5303, 5315,
5320, 5357, 5360, 5364, 5390, 5399, AFAM 3356 (Ethnic Studies)

Dean Hayes announced that the next Undergraduate Council meets Tuesday, October
19th, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Wilson