

**DEDMAN COLLEGE
UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes from January 27, 2005**

The Undergraduate Council met on Thursday, January 27, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. in 121 Dallas Hall.
Present: Deans Kathy Hayes, Kathleen Hugley-Cook and Jennifer Haden; Professors Tom Carr, David Wilson, Christine Buchanan, Nina Schwartz, and Matthew Wilson.

The minutes for the November 16, 2004, meeting were approved.

New Course Proposal: PSYC 3360: *Forensic Psychology*

The course proposal was **approved**.

Proposal to eliminate the B.A. degree in German Area Studies and the minor in German Area Studies

Because most of the supporting courses required for German Area Studies are no longer offered, the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures requested elimination of the B.A. degree in German Area Studies and the minor in German Area Studies. The proposal was **approved**.

Proposed new wording for the Undergraduate Catalog regarding retroactive credit for foreign language placement

In the interest of creating consistency between all the languages, the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures proposed the maximum number of credit hours for placement in a single language be raised to 16, and the maximum number of credit hours for placement in more than one language be raised to 16. The proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposal: ITAL 4325: *Italian Poetry since Dante*

The approval of this course would be the sixth advanced course offered in Italian and would provide the number of advanced courses necessary for Italian to be included in the *Language I* category. The course proposal was **approved**.

Proposal to add ITAL 4325 to degree requirements for B.A. in Foreign Languages

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures proposed adding Italian to the list of languages in *Language I*. *Language I* currently only includes French, German, and Spanish. The proposal was **approved**.

Individualized Studies Proposal for Dina Chmykhalov

Dina Chmykhalov submitted a proposal and requested approval to create a B.A. in Individualized Studies in the Liberal Arts with a concentration in Russian Area Studies. The proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposal: PLSC 3327: *Texas Politics*

The Department of Political Science currently offers a topics course on Southern politics which only touches on Texas politics. This course will not overlap. The course proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposals: GEOL 4209, 4390: *Special Topics in Geological Sciences* and GEOL 4150: *Seminar in Geological Sciences* (no course proposals provided)

The Department of Geology submitted course catalog update forms for these new courses. The Council requested that the department submit formal course proposals for each to help them understand the need for the courses, how these courses fit in the curriculum, and the situations when they might be offered five times, as requested on the course catalog update form. The course proposals were **tabled**.

Proposal to change the Public Policy catalog copy to include PP 3310 in the Law and Social Policy field for the Public Policy major.

This proposal is presented in order to clearly state in the Undergraduate Catalog that PP 3310 is included in the major. The proposal was **approved**.

Dean Hayes made the following **announcements**:

Dean Hayes approved CHEM 5397: *Biotransformations and Biocatalysis* to be added to the list of electives for Option 1 of the Biochemistry BS degree.

The International Studies Executive Council approved adding PLSC 3381: *Current Issues in International Politics* to the Global Perspectives offerings of the International Studies major/minor basic curriculum.

The next Undergraduate Council meeting will be Thursday, February 24, 1:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Wilson