

**DEDMAN COLLEGE
UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes from September 14, 2005**

The Undergraduate Council met on Wednesday, September 14, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. in 121 Dallas Hall.

Present: Deans Kathy Hayes and Jennifer Haden; Professors Eric Barnes, Thomas Osang, David Wilson, Nina Schwartz, Christine Buchanan and Johannes Tausch, and student members, Jaclyn Durr and Adam Rizzieri. Professors Larry Ruben and Marie-Luise Gaettens attended as guests.

Dean Hayes welcomed all new and returning Undergraduate Council members. The Council appointed David Wilson as Secretary of the Undergraduate Council. The Council approved the April 21, 2005, minutes.

Biology Proposal for Five Year BS/MS degree

Professor Larry Ruben attended to answer questions regarding this proposal. Students will take the same courses as students who are in the MS program; they begin MS classes in their 4th year. This program is for students who know early on that they want this degree. The Council **approved** the proposal. The proposal will go before the Graduate Council September 16th.

New Course Proposal: BIOL 5102: *Structural Biology Seminar*

Professor Larry Ruben also answered questions regarding this one credit seminar course proposal. The course proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposal: FL 3304: *Introduction to General Linguistics*

Professor Marie-Luise Gaettens answered questions regarding this proposal. This course is designed to attract students majoring in languages, English, and Anthropology. Spanish majors would take SPAN 4357, Introduction to Spanish Linguistics. The Education program offers a linguistic class but it is a part of a graduate program. The Council **approved** the proposal.

Angela Wu's degree plan for Individualized Studies Major in Chinese Studies

The Council discussed the Individualized Studies proposal submitted by Angela Wu. Ms. Wu has worked hard, improved each semester at SMU, and clearly excelled in Chinese courses at SMU. However, she hasn't met the GPA requirements, and the majority of her coursework for the Individualized Studies Major would be taken at an institution other than SMU. For these reasons the Council voted to **not approve** the proposal.

Announcements:

Approvals by Dean Hayes since the April 21, 2005 meeting:

- WS 4309, *Independent Studies*, was reactivated
- ECO 5301: *Topics*, change to "no consent" from "instructor consent"
- ENGL 4391: *Advanced Poetry Writing*, prerequisite changed from ENGL 3391 to ENGL 2391
- Title change to ANTH 3384 – lengthened to, *Paradise Lost? The Archaeology and Ethics of Human Environmental Impacts*
- Title change to FREN 5368 – shortened to, *Major Authors*

- Upon the recommendation of the Asian Studies group and a unanimous vote of the International and Area Studies Council, a proposal was made that the following courses be added to the Asian Studies curriculum:
 - CHIN 4381: Readings in Chinese Literature.
 - CHIN 4382: Chinese Culture and Society in Films '04.
 - FL 3395: A Cultural Journey into China
- SPAN 5325: *Twentieth-Century Peninsular Prose Fiction*, description change
 - OLD: 5325. Twentieth-Century Peninsular Prose Fiction. Major Spanish prose writers from the Generation of 1898 to 1936, including Pio Baroja, Valle-Inclan Perez de Ayala, Azorin, Unamuno, and Ortega y Gasset.
 - NEW: 5325. Twentieth-Century Peninsular Prose Fiction. Examination of significant individuals, movements, themes, and works of 20th-century Spanish prose fiction, e.g., Generation of 1898, Exile of 1939, Francoism, Transition to Democracy, Social Realism, Postmodernism, etc.
- Inactivated courses (list attached) of courses not offered since 2000

The next meeting of the Undergraduate Council will be Wednesday, October 26.
The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Wilson