## DEDMAN COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL Minutes from February 18, 2008

The Undergraduate Council met Monday, February 18, 2008, at 1 p.m. in 121 Dallas Hall. Present: Deans Cal Jillson, Jennifer Haden; Professors Eric Barnes, John Maguire, John Mears, Thomas Osang, and Roberto Vega; and student members, Rob Hayden, and Charles Slick.

The meeting was brought to order by Dean Cal Jillson. Minutes from the October 15, 2007 meeting were approved as written.

After a brief discussion, Sabri Ates, Professor of History joined the meeting to answer questions about the following course proposals.

- New Course Proposal: HIST 2379: A History of Islamic Empires
  - It was recommended that the course level either be changed to a 3000 or left at 2000 and not included as a CF course offering. The decision was made to leave at 2379 and remove the CF listing.
  - This course addresses early empires through 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- New Course Proposal: HIST 3325: Islam and Politics
  - There was some discussion about this course being available to both history and political science majors. However, it was decided that this would remain within history.
  - Even though HIST 3325 and HIST 2379 share two principal readings, there is not significant overlap between the two courses. The two books are the best available reading to provide basic Islam information needed for both courses.
- New Course Proposal: HIST 3390: Modern Middle East: 1914 to Present
  - Replacing HIST 3390: Modern Middle East: Ottoman Empire to OPEC
  - This course addresses a later time period, 20<sup>th</sup> century forward.
- New Course Proposal: HIST 5395: A History of Iran
  - This is a seminar.

The Council voted to **approve** all proposals with minor revisions.

Consideration of 'paid' / 'for credit' internships was given by the council. There were copies of a recent student request included in the packet for credit earned for a paid internship. After brief discussions, the committee mutually agreed that further inquiry should be made. Any proposed changes keep the following principles in mind:

- Student must petition and describe the academic component to request credit.
- Maintain a high academic standard to earn credit.
- This situation is not a frequent occurrence and will be considered on a case by case basis.

**Individualized Studies** was mentioned; but determined to postpone discussion until further notice.

Meeting was dismissed.

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### Announcements:

The following course modifications, inactivations, and reactivations were approved by Dean Jillson:

These courses were modified in order that Access matches the catalog.

PHIL 1316 PHIL 1318 PHIL 3352 PHIL 3362 PHIL 3371 PHIL 3376 PHIL 3380

### **INACTIVATED COURSES:**

#### **REACTIVATED COURSES:**

PSYC 5339

The next meeting of the Undergraduate Council will be Monday, March 17, 2008, 1 p.m., in 121 Dallas Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Osang