**DEDMAN COLLEGE**
**UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL**
**Minutes of September 25, 2008**

The Undergraduate Council met Thursday, September 25, 2008, at 2 p.m. in 121 Dallas Hall. Present: Deans Cal Jillson, Robb Pocklington; Professors Eric Barnes, Alan Brown, Victoria Lockwood, David Son, and Roberto Vega; and student members, Derek Hubbard, and Ryan Pitts.

The meeting was brought to order by Dean Cal Jillson.
Minutes from the February 18, 2008 meeting were approved as written.
Professor Roberto Vega volunteered to serve as Secretary for the Undergraduate Council.

Justin Fisher, Assistant Professor of Philosophy joined the meeting to answer questions about New Course Proposal: **PHIL 3364:** ***Philosophy of Biology***

- Prof. Fisher taught this course previously at University of British Columbia. The course has attracted many students in the past and they seem to enjoy it and get a lot from it. The content of the course encompasses many aspects of biology with a theme of evolution.
- Prof. Fisher has met with Ron Wetherington and confirmed little to no overlap with ANTH 2315 and ANTH 4336. It was suggested that he also contact Teresa Strecker in Biology to discuss possible overlap with CFB 3313.

The Council voted to **approve PHIL 3364** as written, or with slight adjustments if necessary to prevent overlap.

The Council was informed of an SMU-in-Beijing Summer Program 2009 which is being **approved**.

- SMU Abroad: Short-Term Faculty-Led Program Proposal
- Existing undergraduate courses, CHIN 2401 and CHIN 2402 will be offered SU2009. Proposal has been approved by the Education Abroad Council.

Professor Marlies Gaettens, Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, joined the meeting to answer questions about the following course proposals:

- New Course Proposal: **GERM 4360:** ***Childhood and Youth in German Literature and Film***
  - Course exposes students to several important works of German literature while always working on their language skills, reading skills, etc.
  - For German majors and is conducted in German.
- New Course Proposal: **LATN 3323:** ***Latin Literature: Topics***
  - Course developed to meet an increasing interest in Latin and a need to expand upper level offerings. Provides students three upper level offerings now instead of only two.
  - Content of course focuses on Roman literature. Professor Rawlins has met with Dr. Dowling and determined this course to be complimentary to the Classical Studies Program.

- New Course Proposal: **FL 3394:** ***Boccaccio***'s ***Decameron and the Medieval Storytelling Tradition***
    - Professor Alvarez has previously taught a version of this course. The pre-requisites may be re-defined as "none" assuming 1st year students would not be taking a 3000 level course. The students should have previous exposure to foreign literature.
    - It is a literature course, focusing on classical text. The Professor's goal is to offer a series of courses, this course being the first – beginning with Danté.
    - The Council recommended that this course be considered as a Perspectives offering in the near future.

The Council voted to **approve all proposals** as written.

Carolyn Smith-Morris, Associate Professor of Anthropology joined the meeting to give a brief description of and answer questions about New Course Proposal: **ANTH 3348:** ***Health as a Human Right***

- The course will focus on discussions of topical issues as it relates to health.
- Recommended to Professor Smith-Morris to contact the campus committee regarding health initiatives to identify possible resources which may be available.

The Council voted to **approve ANTH 3348** as written.

**The policy of '*No Transfer Hours from a Junior College after Matriculation*"** was briefly discussed. The Council was asked to take this under consideration for further discussion at a future meeting.

Meeting was dismissed.

Announcements:

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

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

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| GEOL 3107 | SOCI 3320 | SOCI 4293 |
| MATH 1307 | SOCI 3368 | SOCI 4393 |
| MATH 1338 | SOCI 3377 | SOCI 4379 |
| SOCI 3301 | SOCI 3383 | SOCI 4396 |
| SOCI 3305 | SOCI 4193 | SOCI 4398 |

**INACTIVATED COURSES:**
SOCI 5301
SOCI 6049
SOCI 8049

**REACTIVATED COURSES:**
PSYC 5351: *Social Perception*

The next meeting of the Undergraduate Council will be Thursday, October 23, 2 p.m., in 121 Dallas Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Roberto Vega