

**DEDMAN COLLEGE  
UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL  
Minutes of February 26, 2009**

The Undergraduate Council met Thursday, February 26, 2009, at 2 p.m. in 121 Dallas Hall. Present: Deans Cal Jillson, Jennifer Haden, and Robb Pocklington; Professors Alan Brown, John Mears, David Son, and Roberto Vega; and student member, Michael Sizemore.

The meeting was brought to order by Dean Cal Jillson. Minutes from the November 20, 2008 meeting were approved as written.

New Course Proposal: **HIST 4304: *At the Crossroads: Gender and Sexuality in New Mexico***  
Professor David Doyle joined the meeting to discuss the course. He has designed the course with a narrow focus placing it specifically in New Mexico as it will be taught June term in Taos. Students will gain an understanding of the history of the Southwest as it relates to gender and sexuality. Professor Doyle has removed southwest reading material used in his history course to avoid overlap. Course will also be offered on the main campus.

- The Council voted to **approve** the proposal with recommendation of changing the name to ***At the Crossroads: Gender and Sexuality in Southwest***. Professor Doyle agreed that the title change would be helpful.

New Course Proposal: **HIST 2318: *Schools and Society: The Evolution of America's Public School System***

Before Andrea Hamilton joined the meeting to discuss the course, the Council agreed that this is a very solid course. Dr. Hamilton explained that she had taught a similar course for the education school before and planned to teach it again for them in the future.

- The Council voted to **approve** the proposal as written.

New Course Proposal: **HIST 4319: *The Medieval Formation of English Culture***

Professor Melissa Dowling joined the meeting to discuss the course on Professor Adams' behalf. She assured the Council there was no overlap either within the history department or division. She said Professor Adams has taught a similar course for SMU in Oxford and the students love it! This course could just as easily be a Medieval Studies or Medieval History course as Professor Adams has included such background and research and will be using subject matter that encompasses all aspects of medieval culture.

- The Council voted to **approve** the proposal as written.

Additionally, Professor Dowling explained that the History Department is out of 3000 level numbers. Therefore, courses with a broader scope of material content moves to 2000 level where courses with more focused content goes to 4000 level. The department is very aware of this problem and is looking at correcting this in the future.

Discussion of Dedman College policy in Undergraduate Catalog page 119 - "***Post-matriculation transfer work from two-year institutions will not be approved.***" Professor Christine Buchanan joined the meeting to discuss this policy. She expressed a desire to either have the policy revoked or placed it within each department. She was able to trace the policy back as far as 1990 to an Undergraduate Bulletin and 1999 to the Undergraduate Catalog. The council discussed possible reasons for having created the policy initially; raising standards, reduces income – keeping income at SMU. Also discussed possible problems the policy could be causing now; financial problems for students, not offering needed courses. It was decided to continue this discussion at a later time and possibly consider adding it to the agenda of an upcoming Dedman College General Faculty Meeting.

Meeting was dismissed.

Announcements:

The following curriculum proposals, and course modifications, were approved administratively:

Curriculum Proposal: **Human Rights**

***Administratively approved.*** The addition of existing courses, ANTH 3348 and HIST 5340, to the Human Rights Minor.

New Courses:

BIOL 3311 (SMU-in-Costa Rica) Approved Administratively

BIOL 3312 (SMU-in-Kenya) Approved Administratively

HIST 4101 (One hour independent study) Approved Administratively

PHIL 3379 Approved 11/08

These courses were **inactivated, modified, or reactivated** in order that ACCESS matches the catalog:

ANTH 3371

INTL 4388

RELI 3362

ANTH 4367

PLSC 4384

ANTH 4371

PLSC 4388

CHEM 4177

The next meeting of the Undergraduate Council will be Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, in the Hyer Room (121 Dallas Hall).

Respectfully submitted,

Roberto Vega