DEDMAN COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL Minutes of November 16, 2009

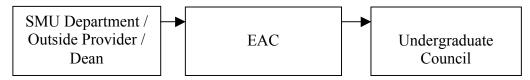
The Undergraduate Council met Monday, November 16, 2009, at 2 p.m. in 121 Dallas Hall. Present: Deans Alan Brown, Robb Pocklington; Professors Nathan Balke, Serge Frolov, Robert Harrod, Victoria Lockwood, John Mears, and David Son; Dennis Cordell, Associate Dean for General Education; David Doyle, Director of Honor Program.

The meeting was brought to order by Dean Alan Brown. Minutes from the October 19, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

SMU Abroad Discussion / Q & A

Professor Daniel Orlovsky joined the meeting to give an overview of the SMU Abroad process.

- Study Abroad is "up and coming" and growing to meet higher demand of the student body. A Task Force was created to review Study Abroad. The Task Force created the Education Abroad Council faculty committee charged with vetting and approval of all proposed undergraduate Study Abroad Programs campus wide. The goal is to offer 100 programs. These programs are either SMU programs or offered by one of approximately 6 outside providers.
- The approval process for Study Abroad programs is as follows:



- Professor Orlovsky encouraged an educational effort of the Study Abroad practices among Dedman faculty and administration in order that Dedman College has a voice in the procedures.
- Academic decisions remain in the hands of the faculty. Undergraduate Council is asked to judge the academic content of the program and determine that it is solid.
- Average Study Abroad program provides 6 credit hours. There has been a separate
 Task Force created to evaluate transfer credit. They will address details specific to
 course level.
- Undergraduate Council asked Professor Orlovsky to provide a list of programs not approved by the EAC (example: Semester at Sea) to Dedman Faculty for their consideration when students ask for approval of transfer credit.

SMU Abroad Proposal: SMU in Lugano, Switzerland

Professor Marie Luise Gaettens joined the meeting to discuss the SMU in Lugano proposal.

- Italian is a critical area in Foreign Languages. There is a demand for Italian in both the B.A. Italian and B.A. Foreign Languages. The current breakdown of majors/minors is as follows: B.A. Italian Area Studies = 2; B.A. Foreign Languages = 2; MN Italian Area Studies = 8; MN Italian = 7.
- There are no tenured or tenure-track faculty. There has been a hiring request presented for a full-time Italian faculty member. At this time, it is a Lecturer led program with three full-time Lecturers (no Ph.D.'s).

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- SMU in Lugano provides additional resources for advanced level Italian courses. It is a five week, intensive program through Franklin College, an accredited institution. SMU Lecturer, Teresa Brentagani will teach one of the courses.
- Students are immersed in the Italian language and culture. SMU in Lugano will provide 6 hours credit for either Minor or B.A. in Italian.
- Council expressed concern / objection to a Lecturer led program. A review/report of SMU's long-term commitment to Italian was requested.

The Council voted to **NOT approve SMU in Lugano**, **Switzerland** until further discussion at the January meeting.

New Course Proposal: **GEOL 5459**: *Soils and Paleosols* The Council voted to **approve GEOL 5459** as written.

New Course Proposal: HIST 3342: Utopian Perspectives on the American Southwest

• HIST 3342 will be offered in SMU in Taos annually.

The Council voted to approve HIST 3342 as written.

New Course Proposal: ITAL 3355: Advanced Italian Conversation

• Council voiced reservations due to concerns with Italian faculty and lack of longrange plan for Italian.

The Council voted to approve ITAL 3355 as written.

Meeting was dismissed.

Announcements:

The following curriculum changes and Course Catalog Update Form(s) were approved administratively by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs:

Curriculum: **Human Rights** – The following course has been approved as an addition to the Human Rights program:

FL 3377: Shadows of Enlightenment: Human Rights in Germany

Curriculum: **Public Policy** – See the enclosed memo "*Public Policy Major: Course Requirements*" for the approved courses added to the Public Policy program.

New Course Proposal: **WGST 3310:** *Gender and Human Rights* – This course was approved by an e-mail ballot/vote of the Undergraduate Council.

INACTIVATED COURSES:

None

MODIFIED COURSES:

PSYC 4342

REACTIVATED COURSES:

None

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NEW COURSES:

FL 3377 (Approved 09/21 Meeting) WGST 3310

The next meeting of the Undergraduate Council will be Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 1pm, in the Hyer Room (121 Dallas Hall).

Respectfully submitted,

John Mears