DEDMAN COLLEGE
UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes of September 22, 2010

The Undergraduate Council met Wednesday, September 22, 2010, at 3 p.m. in 121 Dallas Hall. Present: Deans Peter Moore, Robb Pocklington; Professors Nathan Balke, Crista DeLuzio, Serge Frolov, Cal Jillson, David Son, and John Ubelaker; Annie LeBlanc representing Dedman Student Records; and student members, Lee Butts and Shelby Lott.

The meeting was brought to order by Dean Peter Moore.
The agenda was approved.
Minutes from the April 28, 2010 meeting were approved as written.
Professor David Son volunteered to serve as Secretary for the Undergraduate Council.

Professor Marlies Gaettens joined the meeting to discuss the following items relating to the Foreign Language and Literatures Department:
New Course Proposal: **ARBC 1402:** ***Beginning Arabic II***
New Course Proposal: **ARBC 2302:** ***Intermediate Arabic II***
New Course Proposal: **ARBC 3302:** ***Advanced Arabic II***

- The Arabic program is going well with over 30 students currently enrolled. These courses are the follow-up courses to those approved last year and being currently offered this semester.
- There was discussion about adding a second instructor. However, they will wait to see what the retention will be.
- Strong course components in International Studies, Religious Studies, History, to compliment the Arabic program.

The Council voted to **approve ARBC 1402, 2302, and 3302** as written.

New Course Proposal: **SPAN 4392:** ***Commercial Spanish II***

- Commercial Spanish I current enrollment – 15 students.
- Many double majors and business students are interested in non-literature driven language courses.
- Offer similar tract in French as well.

The Council voted to **approve SPAN 4392** as written.

New SMU Abroad Proposal: ***SMU in Morocco***

- Dr. Liljiana Elverskog successfully offered this program at UNT.
- No home stay. Students stay in campus housing.
- 6 credit hours earned upon completion.

The Council voted to **approve SMU in Morocco** as written.

New SMU Abroad Proposal: ***SMU in Madrid, Spain***

- Program includes a home stay.
- Program covers one semester in three weeks, four hours a day. It is possible for students to progress to the next level upon return.

The Council voted to **approve SMU in Madrid, Spain** as written.

New Course Proposal: **ANTH 3328/WGST 3328:** ***Gender Violence: What Does Culture Have to Do With It?***
Professor Nia Parson joined the meeting to discuss her course proposal ANTH 3328 / WGST 3328.

- For Human Rights Minors, the internship would count toward the Human Rights internship requirement.

The Council voted to **approve ANTH 3328 / WGST 3328** as written.

New Course Proposal: **ANTH 4386 / 6386:** ***The Archaeology of Gender and Sexuality***
Professor Brigitte Kovacevich joined the meeting to discuss her course proposal ANTH 4386 / WGST 6386.

- It is challenging to have both graduate and undergraduate students in the same class. She has different expectations for each. Graduate students provide good examples to undergraduates. They are involved in research, lead discussions, etc. Class participation and assignments are altered for each as well.

The Council voted to **approve ANTH 4386 / 6386** as written.

There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of a future **Urban Studies Major**. The members of the Council voiced concern about stretching College resources too thin by introducing a new interdisciplinary program without providing additional resources/funding to support it. Dean Moore suggested the Urban Studies Major be slated for a future meeting.

Meeting was dismissed.

Announcements:
Curriculum Changes Approved:

- ***Human Rights*** – added CFB3304/FL3330
- ***International Studies***:
  - **Asia:**
    - HIST 2390 Civilization of India
    - PLSC 4386 Issues of US-East Asia Relations (Group I)
  - **Latin American and Iberian Studies:**
    - ARHS 3391 Visual Culture in Colonial Mexico (Group II)
  - **Middle East/Africa Concentration:**
    - ANTH 3359 Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Group I)
    - RELI 3362 Islam and the West (Group II)
  - The language requirement for the Asian Studies minor will now be two years (instead of one) to be in line with other area studies minors
- ***Biology*** – Changed wording in requirements for BS from "All of the BS degree requirements must be completed and include the following courses: BIOL 3304, 3350, 3398, 3399, 5304, 5310, 5311, 5110." ***TO*** "…***5310 or 5311 and*** 5110."

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

New Course Proposals approved *April 2010* Undergraduate Council Meeting:
ARBC 1401
ARBC 2301
ARBC 3301
BIOL 3305
FL 3330/CFB 3304
New Course Proposals approved *September 2010* Undergraduate Council Meeting:
ARBC 1402
ARBC 2302
ARBC 3302
SPAN 4392
ANTH 3328 / WGST 3328
ANTH 4386 / 6386

INACTIVATED COURSES:
None

MODIFIED COURSES:
ECO 3355
ECO 4365
GEOL 5459

REACTIVATED COURSES:
NONE

The next meeting of the Undergraduate Council will be **MONDAY, October 25th at 3pm**, in the Hyer Room (121 Dallas Hall).

Respectfully submitted,

David Son