DEDMAN COLLEGE
UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes of May 4, 2011 (Rescheduled from 4/27/2011)

The Undergraduate Council met Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at 10 a.m. in 121 Dallas Hall. Present: Sr. Associate Dean Peter Moore; Interim Director of Advising Scott Bartlett; Interim Director of Student Records Pamela Chiu; Professors Alan Brown, Crista DeLuzio, Van Kemper, Francisco Moran, and David Son; Assistant Dean and Director of University Honors Program David Doyle; Student Representative: Lee Butts.

The meeting was brought to order by Dean Peter Moore.
The agenda was approved.
Minutes from the March 23, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

New Curriculum Proposal: ***Minor in Middle Eastern and African Studies***
Professor Steve Wegren joined the meeting and gave a brief overview of the proposal for a new Minor in Middle Eastern and African Studies. The proposal represents a similar Minor as in all other area studies. It increases options within International Studies, providing an additional Minor to choose from for International Studies students. Currently, European and Latin American area studies are the strengths of the International Studies program, with Asian Studies on the rise. The new Minor will help strengthen the Middle East and African area studies.

The Council voiced some concern in both History and Anthropology departments of shortage of faculty to teach courses included in the proposal. Both departments have received approval to search for needed faculty positions. With this in mind, the **Council voted to APPROVE the Minor in Middle Eastern and African Studies as written effective Academic Year 2011-12.**

SMU Abroad Proposal: ***SMU in Costa Rica***
Professor Tony Cortese joined the meeting to discuss the SMU in Costa Rica proposal. This is an in-depth program incorporating both Socio/Political integration and Environmental Studies to broaden the student's experience. Courses and field trips will be coordinated to allow full participation in all aspects of the program.

- Costa Rica is ideal location for the program due to National Laboratory for Environmental Studies.
    - Blue Zone: Longevity of life is 100+ years.
    - No Military, so there is a large budget for eco-tourism.
    - Very language friendly.
- Program will not require a student have previously taken Spanish language.
- Students will have exposure to the language and culture.

The Council voted to **NOT APPROVE** this SMU in Costa Rica program pending the following revisions/considerations:

- Additional consideration about incorporating the program into the new University Curriculum (i.e. Global Engagement and/or Human Diversity).
- Incorporate the cultural aspect.
- Consider renaming the program to avoid confusion w/ the existing program focusing on language.
- Reconsider the language requirement.

New Course Proposal: **PLSC 4344:** ***Gender and Politics in Comparative Perspective***
Professor Karisa Cloward joined the meeting to discuss her new course proposal. She currently teaches this course under a Special Topics Course. This is the only course in Political Science which covers gender issues. It is also included in the WGST minor.

The Council voted to **APPROVE PLSC 4343** course as written with the addition of Learning Outcomes (#5 of the 2010 Revised New Course Proposal form).

New Course Proposal: **RELI 3387:** ***Religious and Human Rights***
Professor Mark Chancey represented Professor Robin Lovin at the meeting to discuss the new course proposal. He explained that there has been a need for a course like this for some time. It will focus primarily on Christianity, Buddhism, and Islam.

The Council asked for consideration of "w-tag" included in #9 "Methods of Evaluation".

The Council voted to **APPROVE RELI 3387 as written with the inclusion in the Human Rights minor.**

New Course Proposal: **HIST 3312:** ***Women in American History to 1900***
New Course Proposal: **HIST 3327:** ***Women in American History 1900 to Present***
Professor Crista DeLuzio, a member of the Undergraduate Council presented her own course proposals. She has taught this for years as a single course. By dividing the course it will allow her to go deeper into the material. Students seem to be more interested in the later years. In the current course, she can't cover material past 1975. Dividing the course will allow her to further the course work into later years. The courses can be taken independently and not in sequential order. The new courses would be considered Pillar Courses in the new University Curriculum.

The Council voted to **APPROVE HIST 3312/HIST 3327 as written.**

Before closing, Dean Moore discussed examples of approved petitions. The main one was:
Foreign Language remediation – providing an option of taking foreign literature courses taught in English and/or World History courses to meet the language requirement. Double credit will be required.
Additional examples will be presented as needed throughout AY2011-12.

Announcements:

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

NEW COURSES:

ARBC 3310	ITAL 3321	SPAN 3321	FL 1301
ARBC 3320	ITAL 4320	SPAN 3322	FL 2301
CHIN 3321	ITAL 4321	SPAN 4321	FL 3300
CHIN 3322	JAPN 3320	SPAN 4322	
FREN 3321	JAPN 3321	SPAN 5326	

FREN 3322	LATN 3330	SPAN 5327
FREN 4321	LATN 3331	WL 3355
FRAN 4322	RUSS 3321	WLAN 3311
ITAL 3320	RUSS 3322	WLAN 3313

INACTIVATED COURSES:

ANTH 2321
ANTH 2331
ANTH 4366
ANTH 5682

MODIFIED COURSES:

ANTH 3303	ANTH 5334	BIOL 3304	BIOL 5102
ANTH 3305	ANTH 5336	BIOL 3305	BIOL 5110
ANTH 3309	ANTH 5344	BIOL 3306	BIOL 5166
ANTH 3315	ANTH 5355	BIOL 3308	BIOL 5304
ANTH 3333	ANTH 5359	BIOL 3309	BIOL 5305
ANTH 3334	ANTH 5381	BIOL 3310	BIOL 5310
ANTH 3346	ANTH 5382	BIOL 3311	BIOL 5311
ANTH 3354	ANTH 5681	BIOL 3312	BIOL 5312
ANTH 3358	ANTH 5981	BIOL 3350	BIOL 5325
ANTH 3365	BIOL 1303	BIOL 3365	BIOL 5358
ANTH 3374	BIOL 1308	BIOL 3395	BIOL 5366
ANTH 3376	BIOL 1401	BIOL 3398	ENGL 1385
ANTH 3385	BIOL 1402	BIOL 3403	ENGL 3375
ANTH 4300	BIOL 2101	BIOL 4132	SPAN 3311
ANTH 4304	BIOL 2102	BIOL 4160	SPAN 3312
ANTH 4306	BIOL 3100	BIOL 4331	SPAN 3313
ANTH 4325	BIOL 3200	BIOL 4360	SPAN 3355
ANTH 4336	BIOL 3222	BIOL 4370	SPAN 3358
ANTH 4344	BIOL 3300	BIOL 4398	SPAN 4355
ANTH 4386	BIOL 3303	BIOL 4399	

REACTIVATED COURSES:

None

This is the final meeting of the Undergraduate Council for AY 2010-11. The Undergraduate Council will reconvene for the fall semester in September 2011.

Once Advisory Committee elections are completed for 2011-12, committee members will receive the Meeting Schedule Form requesting your availability for the coming semester.

Respectfully submitted,

David Son