DEDMAN COLLEGE
UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes from February 13, 2003

The Undergraduate Council met on Thursday, February 13, at 9:00 a.m. in 121 Dallas Hall. Present: Deans Kathy Hayes, Kathleen Hugley-Cook and Lisa Johnston, Professors Christine Buchanan, Thomas Arp, Kathleen Wellman, Mike Lattman, David Wilson and Matt Wilson and student representative Andrea Betts. Faculty guests: Professors Gordon Birrell, Dana Oscherwitz and Ben Johnson.

The minutes for the January 23, 2003, meeting were approved.

Professor Gordon Birrell was present to represent the Foreign Language proposals.
New Course Proposal: FREN 4365: *Introduction to French Cinema*
Professor Dana Oscherwitz joined Professor Birrell to answer questions about the French proposals. The Council **approved** this course proposal.

New Course Proposal: FREN 5365/66: *Topics in French and Francophone Cinema*
FREN 4365 is strongly suggested as a preparation course. Topics will change. The Council **approved** this course proposal.

New Course Proposals: SPAN 3311: *Conversation and Composition: Peninsular Culture*
SPAN 3312: *Conversation and Composition: Mexican Culture*
SPAN 3313: *Conversation and Composition: Latin American Culture*
Addition of these courses to the curriculum requirements.
These courses expand the conversation offerings that students can take and strengthen the curriculum. These courses will be added to SPAN 3355/4355 in fulfillment of the requirements of the Spanish major or minor; one of the four courses is required for the major, and one additional course from this group may be taken as an elective course toward the major or minor.
The Council **approved** the **course proposals** and the **curriculum change**.

New Course Proposal: SPAN 5370: *Rewriting Discovery and Exploration in the Spanish Borderlands*
The Council **approved** this course proposal.

New Course Proposal: HEBR 1401/1402: *Beginning Hebrew*
These courses replace Hebrew 1301/1302 which has not been offered in eight years. The change reflects the change in the pedagogy in the department where all language courses are now taught for four credit hours and increased contact hours. The Council voted to **approve** the courses.

New Course Proposals: HIST 3349: *Ethics in a Global Age*
The Council voted to **approve** the course.

New Course Proposals: HIST 2353: *Currents in Classical Civilization*
The Council voted to **approve** the course.

New Course Proposals: HIST 3309: *North American Environmental History*
Professor Ben Johnson was present to represent this course. The Council wanted to be sure there is no overlap with Environmental Science. Dean Hayes asked Professor Johnson to check with Professor Jacobs and assure her that there is no overlap. The Council **approved** the course **pending** Dean Hayes' approval.

New Course Proposals: HIST 3381: *Conflicts in the Modern Middle East*
The Council voted to **approve** the course.

Proposal to delete two rules from the Dedman College graduation requirements
The deletions were the following:
Residency: A total of 45 of the last 60 houre earned toward the degree.
Credits: No more than 30 hours with a grade of D (D-, D, D+).
The Council voted to **approve** these requirement changes.

Proposal for Individual Studies in the Liberal Arts major with a Specialization in Indian Studies for Rachel Ball
The Council agreed that the term hours should be changed from 36 to 49, with at least 24 term hours in advanced courses. There was some concern about whether the history courses listed have Indian Studies content. Dean Hayes will check on the curriculum before giving final approval of the proposal.

Announcement: Changes to the Japanese minor were proposed in the April 2002 meeting. At that time the Council requested that the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures make a few corrections before approving the changes. The changes were made and **approved** by Dean Hayes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Arp