

DEDMAN COLLEGE
UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes from February 23, 2004

The Undergraduate Council met on Monday, February 23, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in 121 Dallas Hall. Present: Deans Kathy Hayes, Lisa Johnston, and Kathleen Hugley-Cook, Professors Christine Buchanan, Kathleen Wellman, Mike Lattman and David Wilson; and student representatives, Art Bell and Leslie Parks. Guests: Professors Linda Stearns, Robert Harrod, Carolyn Smith-Morris, Brad Carter, Mark Chancey, Robin Lovin, Renee McDonald, and Ernie Jouriles.

The minutes for the January 20, 2004 meeting were approved.

Proposal to change Markets and Culture curriculum

The Markets and Culture curriculum was approved in the April 2000, Undergraduate Council meeting. Professor Linda Stearns was hired in 2003 to chair the Department of Sociology and direct the Markets and Culture Program. She revised the curriculum, reshaping the core courses and adding more interdisciplinary electives. The Council recognized some courses that have not been taught for many years. They asked that she check with the departments of those courses and remove them if applicable. The proposal was **tabled**. A revised proposal will be sent by email for a vote.

Proposal to change language requirement for the Latin American Studies major

This proposal was presented in January 2004. The proposal was tabled because the Council wanted to know the level of language required and how this requirement compared to benchmark universities. The requested information was provided. The other International Studies majors require two years of language; this would be consistent with the others. The Council **approved** the proposal.

New Course Proposal: BIOL 3365: *Cancer Biology*

Professor Robert Harrod attended to answer questions about this course. The course proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposal: ANTH 3350: *Good Eats and Forbidden Flesh: Culture, Food and the Global Grocery Market*

Professor Carolyn Smith-Morris attended to answer questions about this course. The course proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposal: ENGL 3374: *History of the Book in America, 1620-1900*

The course proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposal: HIST 2339: *A History of Technology in the United States*

This course is a broad, introductory course that any students may choose to take, but also can apply to a history major. The course proposal was **approved**.

Professor Brad Carter attended the meeting to answer questions about the political science proposals.

New Course Proposal: PLSC 3323: *Southern Politics*

This has been offered as a topics course. The course proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposal: PLSC 3331: *Media and Politics*

The course proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposal: PLSC 4326: *Presidential Elections*

This course differs from PLSC 4325: *Practical Electoral Politics*, in that it narrowly focuses on presidential elections. The course proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposal: PLSC 4355: *Comparative Political Economy of Industrialized*

The course proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposal: RELI 4356: *The Bible and Ethics*

Professors Mark Chancey and Robin Lovin were present to answer questions about this course. The course proposal was **approved**.

New Course Proposal: PSYC 5333: *Domestic Violence and Children*

Professor Renee McDonald was present to answer questions about this course. This course requires one-third classwork, one-third research, and one-third fieldwork. The fieldwork takes place at a women's shelter, learning child management skills. Because Professor McDonald requires that she approve the students who take this course, the Council suggested that prerequisite be listed in the catalog. The course proposal was **approved**.

Proposal by Department of Psychology to the requirement of 5000 level courses

Professor Ernie Jouriles attended to answer questions about this proposal. The department is reorganizing the undergraduate curriculum and proposes adding prerequisites to all 5000 level courses, creating a sequence of learning. The Council **approved** the proposal.

Announcements:

- The English Department voted in inactivate the following courses: 1370, 2303, 3310, 3315, 3316, 3347, 3353, 3360, 3364
- Dean Hayes approved the change of title of **CF 3349/FL 3349/HIST 3392** from *Literatures of Negritude and Histories of the Struggle for Black Liberation* to *The African Diaspora: Literature and History of Black Liberation*
- Dean Hayes approved the recommendation by the faculty advisory committee for the **public policy program** that the following courses be added to the public policy curriculum: PP 3310: *Environmental Policy*; PLSC 3321: *Congress and the Legislative Process*; PLSC 3330: *Law, Politics, and the Supreme Court*; and PLSC 3390: *Negotiating International Trade*.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Wilson