

**DEDMAN COLLEGE
UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes from February 21, 2006**

The Undergraduate Council met Tuesday, February 21, 2006, at 10 a.m. in 121 Dallas Hall. Present: Dean Kathy Hayes; Professors Erick Barnes, Richard Bozorth, Christine Buchanan, John Maguire, and Thomas Osang; and student member Robin Millican. Professors Lisa Ahnert, Gordon Birrell, Alan Covey, Matthew Wilson attended as guests.

The meeting was brought to order by Dean Kathy Hayes. Minutes from the January 24, 2006, meeting were approved as written.

New Course Proposal: ANTH 33XX: *Imperial Dynamics and Ethics of Modern Empire*
Professor Alan Covey attended to present the new course proposal and answer questions. The Council discussed the proposal at length. There were concerns about course objectives and the required reading list for the course. The Council voted to **approve** the course, but with adjustments and edits. Dean Hayes and Professor David Wilson will collaborate with Professor Covey and edit the proposal. The proposal will not have to come back to Council.

Proposal for Change in Degree Requirements for a Minor in Chinese

Senior Lecturer Lisa Ahnert attended to answer questions. The Executive Committee of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures has requested that a modification of the degree requirements for the Minor in Chinese be made to better integrate the new fourth-year Chinese courses (4381, 4382) into the requirement and to list two courses in Religious Studies (RELI 3377, RELI 3378) that may be applied to the minor. The Council voted to **approve** the modification.

New Course Proposal: SPAN 5340: *The Structure of Spanish*

Professor Gordon Birrell attended to answer questions. The Council voted to **approve** the course.

New Course Proposal: PLSC 4363: *Religion and Politics*

Professor Matthew Wilson attended to answer questions. The Council voted to **approve** the course, but Dean Hayes will discuss with Professor Wilson about making the full title of the course *Religion and Politics in the Western Tradition*.

Proposal to change the prerequisite policy for majors and minors under the new English curriculum

Professor Richard Bozorth, a Council member and professor in the Department of English was available to answer questions. The Council discussed the proposal at length. There were questions about why different prerequisites would be required for majors and minors of English given that they are sitting in the same upper level courses. The proposal was **tabled**. Professor Bozorth will discuss the Council's concerns with the English Department and re-submit the proposal in the March meeting.

Announcements:

- The International Studies Executive Council approved unanimously RELI 3378, *Religions of China*, be added to the Arts and Humanities offerings of Asian Studies section of the International Studies major/minor.
- New minimum grade requirements for advanced courses in French, German, and Spanish were approved by Dean Hayes. The attachment list shows the changes.
- As part of the revisions to the English curriculum, several existing 4000-level courses were renumbered and reconfigured. The list is attached.
- An attached list shows all inactivated, modified and new courses submitted by English and approved by Dean Hayes.
- SOCI 4398 was inactivated
- RELI 4332 was inactivated
- BIOL 4390 was inactivated

The next meeting of the Undergraduate Council will be held Tuesday, March 21, 2006. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Wilson