

Minutes of a Meeting of
The Undergraduate Council
Wednesday, May 17, 1995
#8

Ken Thomas, Chair; Coral Brenneise, Secretary; Arthur Coetzee, Paul Denton, MaryAnn Hofmann, Harold Lang, Beverly Matiko, Kermit Netteburg, Ray Paden, Harold Phillips, Derrick Proctor, Laun Reinholtz, Jack Stout, Elizabeth Watson, Gary Williams

MEMBERS
PRESENT

Merlene Ogden

BY INVITATION

VOTED to approve the request of Helderberg College for a new major and minor in Biblical Studies. (see attached)

HELDERBERG
BIBLICAL
STUDIES
MAJOR AND
MINOR
94-95, #15

VOTED to approve the joint action of the Graduate and Undergraduate Councils as discussed earlier regarding participation in graduation ceremonies:

PARTICIPATION
IN GRADUATION
CEREMONIES
94-95, #16

Normally, only students who have completed all requirements for degree conferral may participate in commencement exercises on campus. The president of the university may grant exceptions to this policy, after consulting with the school dean, dean of the graduate school, registrar, and vice president for academic administration. The president shall provide the records office with a written rationale for such participation for filing in the appropriate student folder(s).


Kenneth E. Thomas, Chair


Coral Brenneise, Secretary

College of Arts and Sciences
Requested Course and Program Changes for
Helderberg College
Effective January, 1995

Courses to be Added at Helderberg College:

BIOL124 Natural History 4 crs.
(This course has been approved at Solusi and ASWA for a study of the flora and fauna of their region.)

BIOL204 Principles of Environmental Science 4 crs.
(These two biology courses will be used for general education options.)

ENGL255 Studies in Literature 4 crs.
(This course is requested for General Education rather than ENGL267 Literary Analysis) *Also teaching this course in Afrikaans as AFRL 255.*

JOUR250 Beginning Reporting 4 crs.
(This course will be required in the Helderberg Communication major)

MDLG134 Basic _____ 1-10 crs.
MDLG164 Advanced _____ 1-9 crs.

(Because of the situation in the New South Africa where students from diverse cultures and languages are now coming to Helderberg, it is important that the college offer other languages than English and Afrikaans. Under these Andrews' numbers such courses could be offered.)

PSYC466 Psychology of the Exceptional Child 4 crs.
(This course is needed in the psychology major as well as by students who are preparing to teach.)

Delete STAT286 Statistical Methods II 4 crs.

The following changes are requested:

Change COMM454 Selected Topics in Communication 2-4 crs.
To COMM454 Topics in Communication 2-4 crs.

Change ENGL267 Literary Analysis 4 crs.
To ENGL267 Literary Analysis 3 crs.

Change HIST414 Renaissance and Reformation 4 crs.
To HIST414 Renaissance and Refor., 1300-1648 4 crs.

Change SOCI450 Social Psychology 4 crs.
To PSYC450 Social Psychology 4 crs.

Request for a new major and minor:

Helderberg is also requesting to add a Biblical Studies (Teaching Major) and (Teaching Minor.) This major will be 46 credits and will be taken as a second major in conjunction with a first BA major, such as Communication, English, History, or Psychology. The Biblical Studies (Teaching Minor) will be 30 credits. In the South African educational system as well as in other African countries, one of the subjects approved for study at the secondary level is

Biblical Studies. Andrews University approved a Biblical Studies Teaching major and minor a number of years ago for Solusi College to meet the needs of their teachers in training. This is a similar request for Helderberg.

This major is quite similar to the Andrews' Religion major, but the name Biblical Studies is more readily understood in the African context. All courses in the major are already being offered at Helderberg in the Theology and Religion programs. The differences from the AU Religion Major are as follows: Both quarters of Christian Beliefs are required rather than one quarter of Doctrines of the Christian Church. Instead of the AU required Christian Ethics and Ministry and Message of E. G. White, Helderberg is proposing both quarters of Acts and Epistles, Biblical Archaeology, and Biblical Backgrounds. Helderberg is also requiring Youth Ministry as a cognate, along with HIST104 and 105.

We need the Biblical Studies major since the local teaching authorities will not recognize religion as a teaching subject. If our students have this major together with another teaching subject, there should be no problem finding employment as teachers.

The requirements for the Biblical Studies (Teaching Major) (46 credits) are as follows:

Required Courses: 46 credits

RELB205	Christian Beliefs I	4 credits
RELB206	Christian Beliefs II	4 credits
RELB214	Law and Writings of the Old Testament	5 credits
RELB220	Life and Teachings of Jesus	5 credits
RELB304	Studies in Daniel	4 credits
RELB305	Studies in Revelation	4 credits
RELB376	Hebrew Prophets	5 credits
RELB434	Acts and Epistles I	4 credits
RELB435	Acts and Epistles II	4 credits
RELG360-03	Topics: Biblical Archaeology	3 credits
RELT210	Biblical Backgrounds	4 credits

Required Cognates: 12 credits

HIST104	Western Civilization I	4 credits
HIST105	Western Civilization II	4 credits
RELP210	Youth Ministry	2 credits

Requirements for the Biblical Studies (Teaching Minor) (30 credits)

Select from the courses required in the Biblical Studies (Teaching Major) a minimum of 15 upper division credits.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests from Helderberg College

Merlene Ogden, Dean
Affiliation and Extension Programs