

**Marquette University**  
**Board of Undergraduate Studies**  
**Approved Minutes of the Meeting of September 3, 2008**

**Present:** Margaret Bloom, Karl Byleen, Ed de St. Aubin, Ralph Del Colle, Daradirek (Gee) Ekachai, Stephanie Quade, James Richie, Christine Shaw, Angela Strege, Leigh van den Kieboom, Sandra Waldschmidt. **Guest:** Nancy Snow

The meeting began at 1:04 pm, with a reflection by Karl Byleen.

**Welcome and Introduction of Board Members.**

**Minutes. Approval of Minutes from April 30, 2008.** Acceptance with correction of the spelling of Christine Krueger's name moved by Karl Byleen and seconded by Chris Shaw.

**Informational Items**

- September 30, 2008 – Major and program annual assessment reports due. NCA focus visit scheduled for March 2 & 3, 2009 and time will be planned for a meeting with BUS.
- Foundations of Excellence: First Year Project – Applied and were accepted as part of a national project to comprehensively review the freshman experience as it relates to 9 identified dimensions. Through a self-study areas of success and challenge will be identified. Faculty, staff and all freshmen will be surveyed. A task force of approximately 70 faculty, working together for 2 months, will consider all documentation gathered and identify specific action items covering areas such as recruiting, scholarship competitions, preview, orientation and moving through the first year.
- University webpage will have updates soon.

**Elections**

- **Nomination and Election of Chair** – discussion ensued, Chris Shaw was nominated and accepted nomination as chair. Recommendation moved by Karl Byleen and seconded by James Richie. Motion passed: 9 yes, 0 no 0 abstentions
- **Nomination and Election of 3 board members to the Joint UBUS and UBGS subcommittee for Academic Program Review** – Three members nominated to Joint UBUS and UBGS subcommittee – James Richie, Karl Byleen (providing Math Department not under review) and Christine Shaw. Nomination of members moved by Ed de St. Aubin and seconded by Ralph Del Colle. Motion passed: 9 yes, 0 no 0 abstentions

## Program Actions: Majors and Minors

- **Extensive Modification: Interdisciplinary Major and Minor in Women's and Gender Studies** – Nancy Snow provided chronology of work heading to the proposal provided as documents for preparation of meeting discussion including a detailed memorandum dated August 19, 2008.
  - **Gender & Women Studies** – 1. Signals the new major's broader scope, 2. Provide a program similar to other program's across the country, 3. Put together well integrated structured program which includes an introductory course, a capstone course, 12 credit hours of exploratory courses and 12 credit hours from either Integrative Courses Group I or Group II.
  - **Restructuring** – Provided a revision of the director's role and inclusion of an advisory board.
  - **Questions for Dr. Snow and responses** –
    - Inclusion of religion/theology courses – THEO 129 Women in the Bible included and will consider THEO 167 Family, Church & Society
    - Difference in title "Women's Studies" and "Women and Gender Studies?" – Desire to keep focus of women studies, however, be inclusive of a broadened scope with topics like sexuality issues.
    - Comment on the number of credits – 30 credits needed for a major.
    - Additional differences listed and addressed in cover memorandums detailed list.
  - **Discussion-**
    - Concerns regarding low enrollment; however, now there are several individuals that will champion the success of the new program supported by the restructuring as was outlined.
    - Title change appears to be more inclusive.
    - Entre into men' study – some courses already included.
    - Interdisciplinary majors such as this depend upon a location for students to receive guidance necessary, therefore a director with physical location included
  - Motion by Ed de St. Aubin to approved the revised Women's & Gender Studies major as submitted and seconded by James Richie. Motion passed: 9 yes, 0 no 0 abstentions
- **Additional Program Actions** – Distribution of Biological Sciences – Biology for the Professions major to be discussed at the October 1, 2008 BUS meeting.

## New Business

- **Joint Subcommittee for Academic Program Review, Final Report, Implications for Undergraduate Programs** – Sandi Waldschmidt and Chris Shaw provided insights on the benefits of the review process which has become more inclusive and has a decidedly stronger direction and purpose for the various programs currently under review. Report on the work of the subcommittee was included in the minutes of 4-30-08. Once the joint subcommittee has provided their report the department along with the provost develops an action plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandi Waldschmidt