

Marquette University
Board of Undergraduate Studies
Minutes of the Meeting of September 5, 2007

Present: Kevin Gibson, Chair, Margaret Bloom, Brian Brush, Karl Byleen, , Elizabeth Driscoll, Linda Laatsch, Robert Lowe, Kristy Nielson, James Pokrywczynski, James Richie, Christine Shaw, Brandon Stokes, Sandi Waldschmidt, and James South, Department Chair, Philosophy and Gary Meyer, Associate Dean of Communication (guests)

Chair Kevin Gibson called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Peggy Bloom offered a prayer

New members and guests were introduced and Kevin Gibson reviewed the purpose of the Board.

Minutes:

The minutes of March 7, 2007 and April 25, 2007 were approved as circulated.

Information Items

Peggy Bloom provided two items of information. The course renumbering that was previously scheduled to be effective the fall 2008 term has been delayed one academic year to accommodate installation of a new course audit system. The new course numbers will be in effect beginning fall 2009. The deadline for the annual program assessment reports is September 30, 2007. Reports will be submitted using an online report form.

Election of Board Chair for AY 2007-2008

Kevin Gibson was nominated by Chris Shaw and seconded by Brian Brush. There were no other nominations. Kevin was elected with all in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Program Approvals

New Major: B.A. Philosophy

Termination of the B.A. History of Philosophy, B.A. Social Philosophy

James South presented the rationale for a new major in philosophy to begin Fall 2008 that replaces two separate majors (social philosophy and history of philosophy) to have a more uniform set of required philosophy courses with concentrations in ethics, social philosophy, or history of philosophy. He also requested the ending of the two separate majors in philosophy in Fall 2008

The board commended Dr. South on the progressive thinking and the attention to meeting student interests and needs.

Motion to approve the BA in Philosophy received unanimous approval.

Motion to approve the ending of the majors in social philosophy and history of philosophy received unanimous approval.

New Major: B.A. in Corporate Communication

Gary Meyer presented the rationale for a new interdisciplinary major in Corporate Communication. The Board spent considerable time discussing with Gary the purpose,

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student learning outcomes, projected student interest, and nature of the required course content. Concern was expressed about the redundancy with courses already offered in other colleges and if the proposed curriculum was adequately defined.

Motion to table consideration of the BA in Corporate Communication until the next meeting so that additional information can be provided to clarify the proposal. Peggy Bloom and Kevin Gibson agreed to communicate this request to Dean Pauly.

New Business:

New business was deferred to subsequent meetings due to lack of time.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM

Margaret Bloom, recorder