

Marquette University
Board of Undergraduate Studies
Minutes of the Meeting of December 3, 2008

Present: Chris Shaw (Chair), Kathleen Blaney, Margaret Bloom, Brian Brush, Karl Byleen, Ralph Del Colle, Ed de St. Aubin, Gee Ekachai, Doug Lobner, Stephanie Quade, Jim Richie, Angela Strege, Sandi Waldschmidt.

The meeting began at 1:00 with a reflection provided by Ralph Del Colle.

Minutes: Approval of minutes from November 5, 2008. Accepted as circulated.

Informational Items:

Theology major name change: Peggy Bloom reported that Theology requested a name change of the Catholic Theology major to Theology for Catholic Schools Ministry. Approved by Peggy Bloom.

Program termination: The Academic Senate approved termination of the six programs that BUS approved for termination.

The Self Study Draft on assessment will be posted on the assessment web site. Committee members will be informed when the study is available and members are asked to pay particular attention to Core and ProgramAssessment sections.

Online Student Course Evaluation was discussed; a 50% response rate has been observed thus far.

Program Actions:

Termination of Major: The board approved a request to end, effective Fall 2009, the major Broad Field Social Sciences Major in Psychology (motion: Brian Brush, second: Ralph Del Colle; unanimous approval)

Continuing Business

The following list of topics was discussed during the meeting:

- Class size and the quality of undergraduate education:
- Course re-numbering issues and details;
- Summer / possible winter sessions;
- Online course options and training;
- Course load for faculty;
- Grading system and grade inflation;
- A discussion of Assessment of University Institutional Outcomes.

No actions or recommendations were taken on these topics may be areas for future analysis.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Richie