UBUS Committee Description:
The University Board of Undergraduate Studies is a standing committee of the University Academic Senate. The Board addresses undergraduate educational affairs that affect more than one college, school, or program and serves as a forum for the discussion of the development, coordination, integration, and improvement of all undergraduate education.

Committee Membership:
Sarah Feldner (Chair) – College of Communication
Gary Meyer – Vice Provost for Undergraduate Programs and Teaching (Ex Officio)
James Richie – College of Engineering (Senate Liaison)
Edward Blumenthal - Arts and Sciences, Natural Sciences
Sandra Cleveland – College of Professional Studies
Behnam Ghasemzadeh, – College of Health Sciences
Noel Adams – Klingler College Arts and Sciences, Humanities (Program Review Council Liaison)
Alex Lahr – Marquette University Student Government
Debra Oswald (Spring) - Klingler College Arts and Sciences, Social Sciences
Stephanie Quade – Dean of Students (Ex Officio)
Christine Shaw – College of Nursing
Mary Anne Siderits (Fall) - Klingler College Arts and Sciences, Social Sciences
John Su – Director of the CCRC (Ex Officio)
Marcus Braga-Alves– College of Business Administration
Ellen Eckman – College of Education (Fall)
Joan Whipp – College of Education (Spring)

Meetings:

UAS Charge to Committee
The UAS asked the UBUS to consider the issue of classroom space assignments and how well they were meeting instructional needs. Our committee determined that the process should allow for faculty to provide information that would allow them to be placed in classroom spaces that are well-matched to the teaching methods of their courses. While the process is in place, the committee felt that few faculty knew that this system was in place. We feel that this is ultimately an issue of communication between schedule builders, department chairs, and faculty. The UBUS recommends that the UAS share this concern with schedule builders and request that each college/unit put a plan in place that informs faculty of how they can request specific types of classrooms.
Program Actions Forwarded to Academic Senate:

- The University Board of Undergraduate Studies proposed that the Senate endorse and recommend the university adopt a graduation requirement that sets the minimum number of credits to graduate with an undergraduate degree at 120 credits.

- UBUS and the University Board of Graduate studies jointly endorsed the ongoing work of the Academic Integrity Steering Committee around (1) Educational materials (2) Honor Code and (3) Honor Council and to recommend that the Statement on Academic Integrity be integrated into appropriate university documentation (e.g., Student Handbook, Undergraduate Bulletin, Graduate Bulletin).

- Approval of the discontinuance of a minor in Catholic Studies

- Approval of the discontinuance of a Psychology Major in Nursing

- Approval of the English Language Arts Major for Education majors

- Approval of an interdisciplinary minor in Neuroscience

Additional Committee Discussions and Actions

- The UBUS met with Linda Salchenberger to discuss the role of the UBUS in the newly re-organized program review process. The UBUS concluded that it was important to have a representative on the Program Review Council.

- UBUS also participated in the Higher Learning Commission reaccreditation visit and met with members of the site team.

- The UBUS began preliminary discussion of credit overlap between majors and minors.

- Ed Blumenthal, Department of Biological Sciences, was elected UBUS Chairperson for the 2014-15 academic year.