MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY
Minutes – University Board of Undergraduate Studies
April 27, 2016 - Zilber Hall 470

In attendance: Farrokh Nourzad, Jill Guttormson, Sandra Cleveland, Anne Pasero, John Borg, Joan Whipp, Susanne Foster, Stephanie Quade, Behnam Ghasemzadeh, Norman Sullivan, John Su.

Behnam Ghasemzadeh called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

I. The meeting began with a reflection presented by John Borg.

II. Approval of Minutes from April 6: The meeting minutes were unanimously approved with suggestions for minor spelling changes.

III. Report from John Su, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs on Core of Common Studies: John discussed the revision of the Core of Common Studies that was recently considered by the Faculty Academic Senate. Approval of those revisions was postponed until their May 2 meeting. Major focus in the revisions has been on goals and the overall structure of the Common Core. Specific courses that will be added or deleted will be discussed and decided upon during the next academic year. UBUS will be playing a role in that process.

IV. Student use of "badges" on social media: John Su explained Marquette’s rationale for looking into the process, approval, and recording of “badges” for students. Marquette is interested in developing a coherent policy on such “badges” during the next academic year. The rationale for a policy is that “badges” have become a popular way for college students to demonstrate their participation in extracurricular activities, their expertise, or other special knowledge or experiences as a self-marketing tool. A committee has been formed by the Provost to look into this. Farrokh Nourzad and Stephanie Quade volunteered to join others from UBUS as well as representatives from the Graduate School and the Office of Student Affairs who will meet this summer to develop and propose a policy. UBUS will also be involved in reviewing the policies and procedures.

V. Selection of the UBUS Chair for the next academic year: Michael Slattery will be asked if he is interested. Behnam Ghasemzadeh agreed to serve one more year if Michael is unable to serve. The committee unanimously approved this plan for leadership next year. Jill Guttormson agreed to consider assuming the Chair role after next year.

VI. John Su asked the committee for approval of a minor change in the attendance policy that was recently approved by the University Academic Senate. The phrase “or caregiver” will be added to the statement regarding the reasonable causes for student absences. The committee unanimously approved this change.

VII. The UBUS committee acknowledged Sandi Cleveland who is leaving the Board of Undergraduate Studies after many years of service, including two years in the role of Chair. A card from the committee was presented to Sandi and the committee also enjoyed refreshments in her honor.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.
Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Joan Whipp