Members Present: Noel Adams, Sandra Cleveland; Matthew Hurley (student representative); Gary Meyer; Debra Oswald; Stephanie Quade; James Richie; Christine Shaw (Chair); Peter Toumanoff; Joan Whipp; Joyce Wolburg; Chai Yi.

Guests: Michael Duffey and Belén Castañeda

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Chairperson, Christine Shaw. Christine also provided the reflection.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 5, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Announcements/Reports: Vice Provost Gary Meyer announced that the Academic Planning Team will be considering a new major in Media Studies at its November 3rd meeting. If it passes, it will come to this group for consideration before a vote at the senate. A minor in Corporate Communication is also expected to come to this committee for consideration. Due to the upcoming business, Meyer recommended that the November 30 UBUS meeting, once tentative, should remain on the schedule.

New Business: Approval of an Interdisciplinary Major in Peace Studies

Dr. Michael Duffey and Dr. Belén Castañeda attended the meeting in order to present the Interdisciplinary Major in Peace Studies. They spoke to various strengths of the program including the following: Peace Studies has become a field in its own right, competing institutions offer the program, and it is a tightly constructed major that is comprehensive in knowledge. Duffey and Castañeda also noted that the program is a good fit for Marquette and are pleased that the university has been able to formally bring this to fruition.

Duffey and Castañeda invited discussion and answered various questions regarding the selection of electives and the sequencing of courses from freshman to senior year. They noted that THEO 4420 is renumbered as THEO 2500, which opens it to sophomores and makes the sequencing of courses easier. They also noted that the capstone in the minor now carries the INJP acronym but, if approved, will change to INPS. Duffey and Castañeda expect this major will be a secondary one combined with another major, which will allow students to concentrate on their other major first and fit the Peace Studies courses in later.

Christine Shaw noted how impressive were the letters of support and she congratulated them on a job well done.
After Duffey and Castañeda left the meeting, some further discussion ensued, and a motion was made to approve by Jim Richie, seconded by Sandra Cleveland. The vote was unanimous in favor, 9-0.

Old Business: Promoting Academic Integrity

At an earlier UBUS meeting, Tim Melchert spoke regarding the recommendation of the Academic Integrity Subcommittee that Marquette University develop a comprehensive policy that promotes academic integrity as an important campus priority. Ensuring that this initiative is successful would require that several initiatives be undertaken.

Each of the initiatives was discussed and voted on by UBUS. The first is:

1. **Develop a Comprehensive Educational Program that Promotes Academic Integrity**

   Comments included the need to address integrity on the front end to prevent academic dishonesty—not merely to deal with it punitively. Noel Adams commented that he asked his students in PHIL for their opinion, and they said that promoting integrity would not help to motivate students. They want more accountability put on faculty.

   Joyce Wolburg noted that she began talking to first time offenders in Communication who were reported to her by other colleges in order to prevent these students from a second offense, which could lead to suspension. The most common rationale the students gave for engaging in dishonesty was that the class was challenging and they didn’t believe they would do well enough on the assignment if they did their own work.

   Further discussion acknowledged that MU needs to create a culture that promotes integrity. The recommendation was voted upon and passed unanimously (9-0).

2. **Make “Integrity” More Explicit in the Marquette Educational Mission**

   A discussion centered on this second recommendation and members noted that MU should be more intentional about mission, but not change it. Ways to make it more visible should be explored. The general consensus was that integrity drives the four pillars but not should be a pillar in itself. The recommendation passed with a vote of 7-2.

3. **Develop a Centralized System for Administering a Comprehensive Academic Integrity Policy**

   Strong support was expressed for a university-wide, comprehensive program that could offer greater consistency if centralized. The recommendation passed unanimously with a vote of 9-0.
4. **Develop a Code of Academic Integrity**

Although it was not clear what form it should take, there was strong support for developing an honor code. However, the belief was that it must come from the students rather than be imposed upon students by upper administration. The recommendation passed unanimously with a vote of 9-0.

Christine Shaw noted that she would communicate the results back to Tim Melchert.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Wolburg