Marquette University
Board of Undergraduate Studies
Approved Minutes of the Meeting of November 30, 2011

Present: Noel Adams, Sandra Cleveland, Kathleen Ford (Student Representative), Behnam Ghasemzadeh, Debra Oswald, James Richie, Christine Shaw (Chair), Peter Toumanoff, Joan Whipp, Joan Wolburg, Chae Yi

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. Reflection was provided by Noel Adams and Behnam Ghasemzadeh recorded the minutes.

Guests: Dr. Ana C. Garner and Dr. Sarah Bonewits Feldner

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of meeting of November 2, 2011 were approved unanimously without any corrections.

Announcements/Reports: James Richie reported that Academic Senate has discussed and approved the new major in Peace Studies.

New Business
Approval of a major in Media Studies
Dr. Ana Garner presented information and the need for the new major and that the new major fits well with other departments and the strategic plan of the College. She mentioned that this is research-based major and there is a senior thesis research requirement. The research will be done under the supervision of a faculty mentor with participation of a second faculty member as a reader. The department is not requesting new resources for the new major. No new courses will be offered. The major will take advantage of the presently offered courses to provide a curriculum with a focus on media studies. The resources for student research projects will be provided through the Diederich College of Communication per agreement with the Dean. Joan Whipp and Debra Oswald mentioned that the new major will be suitable for students in College of Education and Department of Psychology as a second major. Dr. Garner mentioned that she anticipates a small number of students majoring in Media Studies at first but the major will grow over time. She also does not foresee any decrease in enrollment in other departments in the College, as the new major will draw students mostly from the pool of undecided students. Following discussions a motion for approval of the major was offered by Joan Whipp and was seconded by Debra Oswald. The new Media Studies major was approved unanimously by the committee.

Approval of a minor in Corporate Communications
Dr. Sarah Feldner presented information on the minor. Currently, a Corporate Communications major is offered by the College of Communications with 97 students enrolled. The minor will satisfy the interest of students in other majors and will be available to students in all colleges at the University. According to Dr. Feldner, there is a demand for this minor from students. Following discussions a motion for approval of the minor was offered by Joyce Wolburg and was seconded by Kathleen Ford. The new minor was approved unanimously by the committee.

Old Business
A. Christine Shaw mentioned that the graduation and core requirements at other Jesuit institutions will be discussed in Spring 2012 in light of our preparation for a Marquette report on our core offering and requirements.

B. She also mentioned that the number and need for minors and majors presently offered at Marquette will be discussed in Spring 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15.
Respectfully submitted by Behnam Ghasemzadeh