Board of Undergraduate Studies  
Minutes of Meeting of February 3, 2016  
Zilber Hall 470

Present: Sandra Cleveland, Scott D’Urso, Susanne Foster, M. Behnam Ghasemzadeh (Chair), Farrokh Nourzad, Anne Pasero, Stephanie Quade, Michael Slattery, John Su, Joan Whipp.

Guests: Jane Peterson, Social and Cultural Sciences and Amelia Zurcher, Honors Program.

Recorder: Michael Slattery.

1. The meeting started at 1:05 p.m. with a reflection by Farrokh Nourzad.

2. Proposed Interdisciplinary Culture, Health, and Illness Minor and Interdisciplinary Law and Society Minor:
   • J. Peterson stated that these new programs are possible given the new flexibility from the reduced core. They reflect suggestions from recent program reviews. The minors are designed to introduce students from outside the College of Arts and Sciences to topics taught by Social and Cultural Sciences.
   • F. Nourzad commented that the Business College has a course in Health Economics which might fit into the first minor. He has had students ask about such a minor.
   • S. D’Urso stated there is also a course on communication of health information in the College of Communications. He also feels there is strong student interest these topics.

3. Proposed modifications to University Honors Program Curriculum:
   • A. Zurcher stated that other Jesuit schools have more departmental involvement in the Honors Program. The core revisions open up more options for courses in Mathematics, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences. The program will also include a third-year capstone course.
   • S. Foster pointed out the proposed changes make it possible for transfer students to join the Honors Program.
   • A. Zurcher explained that the new core would be implemented in Fall 2016 and the disciplinary courses would be added as departments develop them.

4. In further discussion of the Interdisciplinary Culture, Health, and Illness Minor a question was raised (unfortunately after J. Peterson had left) about the choice of the word “Illness” in the title of the minor. It was decided that this was not a significant issue and the board would simply suggest that the department consider whether the proposed name is the best choice for the program.

5. The board unanimously approved the two interdisciplinary minors and the curriculum modifications to the University Honors Program.

6. The January minutes were approved with minor corrections.

7. J. Su reported on the status of the University Core Revision. There has been good participation in the process with 11 official workgroups. He is expecting about a dozen proposals by the February 15 due date. These will then be reviewed by three bodies: the Core Curriculum Review Committee, the University Board of Undergraduate Studies, and the Academic Senate. The goal at this point is to determine a reasonable structure for the new core. Details will then be worked out over the Summer
and Fall of 2016.

8. S. Cleveland and S. D'Urso stated that work is continuing on the details of a Communication Studies Major that would allow the major to be shifted from the College of Professional Studies to the College of Communications.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Slattery