Board of Undergraduate Studies  
Minutes of Meeting of March 22, 2017  
Zilber Hall 470

Present: John Borg, Scott D’Urso, Sarah Feldner, M. Behnam Ghasemzadeh, Jill Guttormson, Michelle Mynlieff, Michelle Frederick, Stephanie Quade, Michael Slattery, Doug Smith, John Su (acting chair).

Recorder: Michael Slattery.

1. The meeting started at 1:05 p.m.

2. Reflection – Moment of Silence was observed in memory of our colleague and former UBUS member (and chair) Susanne Foster who recently passed away.

3. Minutes of the March 1 meeting were approved.

4. The proposal for a new major in Applied Physics was tabled at our previous meeting. The topic was reopened and it was reported that Mark Federle, Associate Dean in Engineering had looked over the proposal and said it was OK with Engineering. The committee approved the proposal unanimously.

5. Discussion of the University Core of Common Studies proposal followed.
   ◆ It was expressed that many of the transformational experiences for our students involve theology and philosophy and these should be more strongly represented. It was explained that the THEO and PHIL faculty will not only be involved in the first year courses, but most likely will teach the third tier culminating course as well.
   ◆ The new proposal is a paradigm shift from our existing distributional core to a more theme and learning outcome focused design. We’re striving for conscious integration between the courses.
   ◆ A concern was expressed that some may see this restructuring as an opportunity to appropriate courses from the college of Arts and Sciences. It is certainly possible that other colleges could offer second tier “Discovery” courses, but there will be a committee to ensure that any such courses match the appropriate theme and incorporate mode of inquiry of “discovery” type. It is expected that most second tier courses will be taught by departments in Arts and Sciences.
   ◆ There seem to be more possibilities for effective assessment of the new core.
   ◆ It should be possible for transfer students to still complete this core. If students are allowed to transfer credit for Discovery tier courses, perhaps they should be required to write descriptions of how their courses match the appropriate theme.
   ◆ Motion to approve the UCCS proposal passed.

6. Deactivation of the Athletic Training undergraduate major was discussed. It is being replaced by a 5-year program for a Master of Athletic Training degree. The deactivation was approved unanimously.

7. Proposal for a Speech Pathology minor was discussed. The proposal was approved unanimously.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Slattery