

Discovery Committee Minutes, January 29, 2014

Present: Barb White, Amy Cunningham, Todd DeMitchell, William McKernan, Barbaros Celikkol, Stephanie Cheney, Dan Beller-McKenna, Steve Pugh, Wayne Fagerberg, Sandhya Shetty, Gretchen Bean, Norma Bazylnski, PT Vasudevan

Absent: Bill Ross, Sean Moore, Sanjeev Jha

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2014

VPAA Vasudevan announced Barb White's new position of Executive Director of Undergraduate Programs – overseeing the Writing Program, Discovery Program, and the Honors Program.

The committee took the following action:

Motion: Gretchen Bean moved and Wayne Fagerberg seconded approval of the Minutes of December 11, 2013 meeting. **Vote:** 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. **Motion passed.**

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WS 515 *Game Girl: The Social Construction of Gender Identities in Video Games* – SS – **Course approved.**

Course Re-Review for Format:

Barb explained the history of the course re-review and why it's being done. The DC agreed that no vote will be taken on these courses, however feedback will be given to Associate Deans, department Chairs, and faculty about what is discussed. Significant discussion followed regarding concerns that this re-review could be considered a review of course quality vs. Discovery category. Barb explained that the goal is to compare the original course to the compressed version – using the original as a baseline. The integrity and core content of the original course needs to be maintained. Barb read the Faculty Senate motion (# XVII-M12 March 18, 2013) ultimately the committee is charged with the re-review of these courses. Discussion turned to questions of how to follow-up with faculty if the DC has feedback regarding the compressed or online version of a Discovery course. The DC discussed that the 2 versions of the course need to be made equitable or the one in question should be submitted as a new course. Re-cap of process: Barb will continue to spear-head the re-review process. Courses in question will be given to DC members within their particular discipline for further review. These courses will then be brought back to the larger committee for general discussion. With courses that are identified as not equitable to the originally approved version, the faculty will be notified and asked to revise to originally approved version or resubmit under a new course number. If neither is done, a warning will be given regarding possible loss of Discovery category.

ANTH 411 (1BB), Summer 2013:

Consensus was that the face to face syllabus is more detailed than the compressed online course and therefore, not equitable. More detail is needed regarding the material that is covered in the on-line course with more focus on learning assessment. It was also suggested that the faculty member complete the online course fundamentals training offered at UNH. Barb will contact the faculty person.

Student Petitions:

Senior is petitioning for HIST611 to count as Discovery HP requirement. Student has strong support of dept. chair but advisor says the student misunderstood instructions. There is no advising error evident. DC did not approve this petition. Registrar's office will notify student of decision. (*kzcola012914*)

Senior is petitioning for PHIL525 to count as HUMA Discovery requirement. Course was taken in 2010 and was not a Discovery course at that time. It is now a Discovery course – approved in fall 2012. Petition approved. Registrar's office will notify student of decision. (*sbcola012914*)

Did not get to:

Remainder of course re-review for format:

ARTS 552 - Dan, Gretchen, Stephanie

BIOL 412 – Wayne and Steve

GEOG 401 and 402 – Barbaros, Todd, Stephanie

MATH 420 – Sandhya, Bill

Further discussion of SI Attribute

2014 – 2015 University Dialogue topic: Social Innovation

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Submitted by Alix Campbell