

Discovery Committee Minutes, October 6, 2021

Present (Zoom): Nicky Gullace (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Laure Barillas, Jay Colbert, Andy Colby, Lara Demarest, Lou Ann Griswold, Greg McMahon, Dawn Meredith, Jesse Stabile Morrell, Catherine Peebles, Sarah Prescott

I. Welcome and Announcements

Chair Nicky Gullace called the meeting to order and welcomed the members at 12:47pm.

II. Action Items

- Minutes

Motion: Sarah Prescott moved and Katherine Aydelott seconded approval of the minutes of the September 22, 2021 meeting. **Vote:** Yes 5; No 0; Abs 0 **Motion passed.** Minutes approved.

- Course Proposals / Reviews

- Transfer math courses, Math 121 from the University of Alaska, Anchorage & Math 1148 from Ohio State University

- The Discovery Committee received feedback from the Math Department
- Neither course meets the standard for “college-level mathematics”
- **Motion:** Dawn Meredith moved and Katherine Aydelott seconded to allow the two courses to fulfill Discovery QR
- **Vote:** Yes 0; No 5, Abs 1

Lara will advise Admissions of the vote.

- COLA
ITAL 444C – Feelings: A History – HUMA/INQ/WI

The DC expressed positive feedback overall, but concern that the syllabus did not contain Student Learning Outcomes (SLO’s) as required by NECHE or follow Inquiry guidelines. Also, would course title create confusion for students who might assume the course satisfies Historical Perspective rather than Humanities? The committee is requesting that SLO’s be added, to make the Inquiry course features more explicit, and to consider tweaking the title. Nicky will communicate with Honors and request a resubmission.

- Student Petitions

1. Request to waive FPA given previous coursework and experience.

Vote: Yes 0, No 7, Abs 1. **Petition denied** (abcolsa100621_fpa). Discovery requirements cannot be waived.

2. Request to allow Dartmouth College course ANTH 053, Anthropology of Religion, to fulfill HP.

Vote: Yes 7; No 0; Abs 1. **Petition approved.** (abcolsa100621_hp)

3. Request to allow St. Michael’s College course, MJD 110A, Digital Media, to fulfill FPA.

Vote: Yes 7; No 0; Abs 1. **Petition approved.** (tdcola100621)

4. Request to allow Sierra Community College course PHIL 4, Intro to Critical Thinking, fulfill QR.

Vote: Yes 0; No 8; Abs 0. **Petition denied.** (emcola100621)

5. Discovery received a petition that was referred to ASAC for adjudication. Andy Colby explained why it does not fall within the purview of the DC.

III. Discussion

- Online D-Lab update: The subcommittee met on October 5th. Nicky is working on writing an objective report that addresses concerns and includes best practices if the Faculty Senate lifts the moratorium permanently.
- Early Alert Progress Report update: The Early Alert is sent out in week 5 and the drop deadline is the end of the fifth week. There is concern this is not enough time for students to drop a course they did not realize they were failing. Andy advised the committee that moving the drop deadline to later in the semester is problematic. It would have implications for Financial Aid and Business Services and the university has to comply with federal guidelines. Moving the alert earlier in the semester is also problematic as many courses will not have had enough time to get an accurate assessment of a student's performance.

Meeting adjourned 2:01pm.

Submitted by Lara Demarest