

## Discovery Committee Minutes, 11/01/2017 - Final

**Present:** Kathrine Aydelott, Norma Bazylnski, Daniel Carchidi, Maryann Clark, Andy Colby, Gregory McMahon, Dawn Meredith, Subhash Minocha, Stephen Pugh, Patrick Shannon, Charles Vannette, Nicky Gullace, Amy Oliva.

**Absent:** Nelson Barber (provided notes), Jerry Marx, Audrey Getman.

### The Committee took the following action:

#### Minutes:

**Motion:** Kathrine Aydelott moved and Dawn Meredith seconded the approval of the Minutes from 10/18/2017.

**Vote:** Yes: 6; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Motion passed. Minutes approved.**

#### Course Review:

#### TRANSFER COURSE

ANTH 105N – *Ethnography of Work, SS* at Nashua Community College.

**Motion:** Dawn Meredith moved and Kathrine Aydelott seconded to accept course for SS credit.

**Vote:** Yes: 7; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Motion passed. Course accepted for SS credit.**

#### COLA

GEOG 540 – *Geography of the Middle East WC*. Current course coming forward for Discovery category. Online format.

**Motion:** Maryann Clark moved and Greg McMahon seconded to approve course for WC.

**Vote:** Yes: 7; No: 1; Abs: 0. **Motion passed. Course approved for WC.**

#### CEPS

ESCI 501 – *Introduction to Oceanography*

**Motion:** Dawn Meredith moved and Kathrine Aydelott seconded to continue pilot status for spring 2018 semester.

**Vote:** Yes: 7; No: 0; Abs: 1. **Motion passed. Course approved to continue pilot status for spring 2018 semester.**

#### Student Petitions

1. Request for living in Japan and Taiwan up to age 15 to fulfill WC.

**Vote:** Yes: 8; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Petition approved.** (klunhm11012017)

2. Request for EDU 101 History and Politics of American Education taken at Muhlenberg College to fulfill HP.

**Vote:** Yes: 8; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Petition approved.** (jsceps11012017)

3. Request for EDU 191 Arts in Education at Muhlenberg College to fulfill FPA.

**Vote:** Yes: 8; No: 0; Abs: 1. **Petition approved.** (jsceps11012017)

4. Request for AP course, Studio Art to fulfill FPA.

**Vote:** Yes: 0; No: 9; Abs: 0. **Petition denied.** (ewceps11012017)

5. Request for 25 credits in music classes to fulfill FPA.

**Vote:** Yes: 0; No: 9; Abs: 0. **Petition denied.** (mfchhs11012017)

6. Request for HIST 112 World Civilization II at DePaul University to fulfill HP.

**Vote:** Yes: 1; No: 8; Abs: 0. **Petition denied.** (mpcola11012017)

**Other Items:**

*Continued discussion of the Social Identity (SI) Attribute*

Maryann Clark presented the Academic Affairs (AA) Committee of the Faculty Senate discussions regarding Discovery & the Social Identity (SI) Attribute. The AA Committee responded to the SI attribute proposal much as the DC did, but felt it necessary to endorse its ideals, and noted that there would be scheduling, curriculum and administrative challenges. The DC discussed the AA Committee's concerns as well as suggestions or revisions we might offer on how to deliver SI content, including whether the Discovery Dialogue could be re-implemented to deliver some of this content through a speaker series, for example. DC members voiced concerns regarding reviving the dialogue program under Discovery. The DC also discussed whether campus climate should be addressed through academics (courses) versus Student Life. It was noted that some colleges have implemented programs and courses (e.g., FIRE and COLA 401) that may be appropriate for delivering SI content.

*URGENT ITEM – Faculty Senate Agenda Committee draft of the Discovery Committee Charter.*

Nicky Gullace presented the draft charter from the Agenda Committee. This is not a radical change to Discovery Committee charges but a consolidation. After discussion of the draft Charter, the DC agreed that Nicky compose a response that includes DC concerns regarding: 1) the Charter states that the DC report to the Agenda Committee rather than the Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, as it has since its implementation; 2) recommends that the DC have an elected Chair and Vice Chair who would run the committee instead of the Discovery Faculty Director as Chair, which has been the practice since 2009; 3) DC as the secondary review body for dual majors and schools. Nicky will compose a response to the Charter and will copy the DC on the email.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.**

Submitted by Susan Whitcomb