

Discovery Committee Minutes, November 28, 2012

Present: Barb White, Michele Holt-Shannon, Dan Beller-McKenna, Alex Eichler, Tom Safford, Kathie Forbes, Wayne Fagerberg, Steve Pugh, Rosemary Caron, Jing Wang, Sean Moore, Brian Chu, Bill Ross (Absent: Lisa MacFarlane, Ihab Farag)

Next meeting: Wednesday, FEBRUARY 6, 2013

Barb thanked all Committee members for their service this semester. The first meeting of the spring semester will be Wednesday, Feb 6, 2013. Barb will be away, Bill Ross will lead the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes - **Motion:** Bill Ross moved and Jing Wang seconded approval of the Minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2012. **Vote:** 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. **Motion passed.**

The committee took the following action:

The following courses were reviewed, and/or confirmed in the categories/attributes listed:

COLA

HUMA 551 – *Field Studies in Art & Culture* (Budapest) – FPA – This course was approved with stipulations at the meeting of Nov 14. Prof. Hiley has submitted revised materials that meet the DC stipulations and the approval letter is being sent to the Registrar.

ANTH 508 – *Anthropology of Internet* – SS

COLSA

EREC 535 – *Being a Locavore* – SS – **Motion:** Approve for Discovery SS with stipulation that faculty more thoroughly address SS methodology, and that this be reflected in the syllabus. **Vote:** 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. **Motion passed.**

CEPS

MATH 421 - *Pathways between Mathematics and the Arts* – QR – **Motion:** Approve for Discovery QR with stipulation that faculty include QR description in the syllabus. **Vote:** 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. **Motion passed.**

The Committee discussed the following:

Update on DC request regarding transfer students and INQ requirement: Faculty Senate passed the motion from the DC regarding reducing the number of credits for the INQ requirement for transfer students to 26 credits.

Discovery/Writing Program Motion for Course Re-Review – The DC discussed the proposed agenda for the meeting to discuss this motion. The plan is to put the very best statement forward – if a Discovery course is approved in one format, and it is determined that it is going to be taught in another format, it needs to be re-reviewed. In addition, the Writing Committee would like to talk about whether they vet WI courses. They also have concerns re compressed courses, courses with reduced credits, etc. Again, plans are for the meeting to include: the DC, WC, the Associate Deans, representatives of Academic Technology, representation of the Faculty Senate, and VPAA MacFarlane. An invitation has been sent and based on responses and availability, the meeting will likely be held the afternoon of Wed 12/12/12.

INQ Two-Year Summary Assessment Report – Barb discussed the INQ Assessment reports that were the foundation for the aggregate report. Barb noted that at this point perhaps disseminating the information in the reports is not merited, but rather to consider the issues more thoughtfully before proceeding. She will be meeting with Wayne Fagerberg, Rick Cote, and Dean Kim Babbitt in the near future.

Discovery office changes: Barb announced that Michele Holt-Shannon will be leaving the Discovery Program and going to a position with NH Listens, in the Carsey Institute. Discovery will continue to have Michele work on 2 distinct projects for 2013: a gathering of faculty teaching in Discovery, and a civic engagement summit. Michele discussed her upcoming

work at Carsey with NH Listens, and the work they do with communities around NH. She is looking forward to continuing her connection with Discovery.

Meeting adjourned 1:30pm