

Discovery Committee Minutes, November 28, 2018

Present: Nicoletta Gullace (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Jake Adams, Sajay Arthanat, Norma Bazylinski, Daniel Carchidi, Andy Colby, Dawn Meredith, Amy Oliva, Catherine Peebles, Steve Pugh, Charles Vannette

Absent: Subhash Minocha (votes sent), Vanessa Druskat

I. Welcome and Announcements

II. Action Items

Minutes:

Motion: Greg McMahon moved and Dawn Meredith seconded approval of the Minutes of the Nov 14, 2018 meeting.

Vote: Yes: 5; No: 0; Abs: 2. **Motion passed. Minutes approved.**

Course and/or Program Review:

UNHM

HLS 555 – *Comparative Homeland Security* – WC (new course – tabled at 10/31/18 meeting)

Motion: Charles Vannette moved and Steve Pugh seconded to approve this course for WC.

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

Student Petitions

1. Request to allow CCSNH course IT 102 PC Applications to fulfill ETS requirement.
Vote: Yes: 0; No: 8; Abs: 0. **Petition denied.** Course does not meet ETS criteria. (cdunhm102418)
2. Request to allow UNH PORT 401 & 402 to combine to fulfill WC requirement.
Vote: Yes: 1; No: 7; Abs: 0. **Petition denied.** Elementary language courses do not meet WC. Further, UNH courses not designated as Discovery cannot fulfill Discovery. (pbceps111418)
3. Request to allow MCC course Calculus II to fulfill QR requirement.
Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Exception made. Petition approved.** (atpaul111418)
4. Request to allow Lesley Univ. course CPMUS 1340 Intro to Piano to fulfill FPA requirement.
Vote: Yes: 1; No: 5; Abs: 2. **Petition denied.** (smunhm111418)
5. Request to allow Florence Univ. of the Arts course DIPHID Intro to Digital Photography to fulfill ETS requirement.
Vote: Yes: 4; No: 3; Abs: 2. **Petition approved.** (shpaul112618)
6. Request to allow military experience to fulfill WC requirement.
Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0; Abs: 2. **Petition approved.** (jrsunhm112318)
7. Request for 10 yrs of Polish Saturday School to meet WC. **Tabled pending additional information.** (ogchhs111318)

III. Discussion

FPA Category - The DC discussed the high number of student petitions for academic variance for the FPA category. There seems to be some confusion regarding the category and perhaps a need to “clean up” the category description. Discussion included evaluating transfer courses for FPA. Registrar Andy Colby remarked that having set criteria helps to ensure all students are treated equitably, and that exceptions should be made thoughtfully and only for very good reasons. Nicky updated the DC on her communication with ARTS Dept. chair, Jennifer Moses, about whether the dept. plans to propose ARTS 546 Painting Design I for Discovery FPA. The dept. is considering it.

Discovery 2020 Review – Nicky updated the DC on meeting with Provost Jones, VPAA Vasudevan, and Faculty Senate Chair, Scott Smith. With the DC’s agreement, she will be asking that the 2020 review committee be a sub-committee of the DC versus an ad-hoc committee (as with 5-yr program review). The DC discussed the importance of moving forward with a good, moderate redesign of the program which maintains some of the best features of the program, such as INQ and capstone, and balances great ideas with feasibility of implementation versus a complete overhaul of the program. Discussion of any changes to the program included concern regarding potential financial impact; the need to examine what about Discovery is challenging and what works best at present; and how to make Discovery work well for all programs and students.

Meeting adjourned 1:30pm. Submitted by Amy M. Oliva, Admin Director