

Discovery Committee Minutes, November 30, 2011

Present: Barb White, Michele Holt-Shannon, Ihab Farag, Bill Ross, Dennis Britton, David Richman, Jessica Fruchtman, Rosemary Caron, Wayne Fagerberg, Jing Wang, Steve Pugh, Tom Safford, Kathie Forbes, Sean Moore (Absent: Lisa MacFarlane)

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 2011

Motion: Ihab Farag moved and Bill Ross seconded approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 2, 2011.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain. **Motion passed.**

Motion: Ihab Farag moved and Dennis Britton seconded approval of the minutes of November 16, 2011, with addition of David Richman to list of those present. **Vote:** 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. **Motion passed.**

The committee took the following action:

The following courses were approved in the categories/attributes listed:

COLA

POLT 543 – *Politics of Costa Rica* – WC

SPAN 631 – *Advanced Comp & Conversation I* - WI

SPAN 632 - *Advanced Comp & Conversation II* - WI

SPAN 651 - *Introduction to Spanish Literature and Thought* - WI

SPAN 652 - *Introduction to Spanish Literature and Thought* - WI

SPAN 653 - *Intro to Latin American Literature and Thought* - WI

SPAN 654 – *Intro to Latin American Literature and Thought* – WI

CEPS

ENE 756 *Environmental Engineering Microbiology* – BS w/DLAB requirement for ENE majors only

Motion: To approve ENE 756 for BS w/DLAB as variance for these students only with the same language and stipulations as other approved Discovery variances. **Vote:** 8 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain. **Motion passed.**

COLSA

NR 401 – *Intro to Natural Resources* – INQ

1st Motion: To approve NR 401 as a pilot Inquiry course. This confirmation depends on two essential components: 1) that a training and support program be developed for graduate student teaching assistants in this course, and 2) that an assessment plan be developed to assess how Inquiry criteria are sufficiently addressed. This assessment will be developed in collaboration with the instructors, CETL, and the Discovery Program. The Discovery Committee will re-review this course at the end of 2 years, with a progress report at the end of the first year. **Vote:** 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

2nd Motion: To retro-fit NR 401 as Inquiry, to allow for students enrolled in the fall, 2011, semester to satisfy the Inquiry requirement. **Vote:** 7 yes, 2 no, 0 abstain. **Both motions passed.**

*The following courses were **not** approved in the categories/attributes listed:*

CEPS

PHYS 407H-MATH 425 – INQ – Vote: 0 yes, 8 no, 1 abstain

The DC would entertain a proposal for these studio courses if the cap is at 35; more information is provided on the TA role and their training; and there is clarification on intention designating INQ.

PHYS 408H-MATH 426 – INQ – Vote: 0 yes, 8 no, 1 abstain

The Committee discussed the following:

Who teaches in INQ in Discovery: draft of beginning statement. This is not to be thought of as policy, but to be thought of as a guide. We need to have consensus around considerations such as people who do not have terminal degrees, who do not have enduring relationships with the university, and do not have extensive teaching experience, some of whom are already teaching INQ courses.

Meeting adjourned 1:00pm – Happy holiday break!