

Discovery Committee Minutes, December 12, 2018

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

I. Welcome and Announcements

Nicky Gullace informed the committee that Steve Pugh would be stepping down effective end of the fall 2018 semester and thanked Steve for his nearly 20 year commitment to Discovery.

II. Action Items

Minutes:

Motion: Kathrine Aydelott moved and Dawn Meredith seconded approval of the Minutes of the Nov 28, 2018 meeting.

Vote: Yes: 5; No: 0; Abs: 1. **Motion passed. Minutes approved.**

Inquiry (INQ) Online –

After extensive deliberation including: review of materials submitted by Dan Carchidi and Amy Oliva on whether the four pillars of INQ can be effectively delivered in the online format; the recent Faculty Senate motion to allow WI courses to be offered online; and development of online undergraduate degrees, the DC voted to lift the moratorium on offering INQ 444 and INQ Attribute courses online. However, the DC agreed this would not apply to Inquiry labs, which need to be offered in a “high-touch” classroom format. (*See DC Motion below.*)

Under current Discovery rules (2011 DC MOU w/ASAC, etc.; FS Motion # XVII-M12, 3/2013) a “change of mode” from “high-touch” to online pedagogy for any Discovery course requires review by the DC. The DC agreed that with Academic Technology representative, Dan Carchidi, they would be happy to offer assistance to faculty on how best to adapt their INQ courses to an online format.

Registrar, Andy Colby, asked that as all move forward with development and delivery of undergraduate online programs, the DC remain mindful about how this change in mode relates to UNH’s relationship with our national accrediting bodies and the Federal Financial Aid administration. While accrediting bodies recognize UNH as a Fall/Spring institution, e-UNH runs a truncated semester that may not be compliant with Federal or accreditation guidelines for a fully online undergraduate degree.

Motion: Steve Pugh moved and Vanessa Druskat seconded to remove the 2011 moratorium prohibiting Inquiry 444 and Inquiry Attribute courses from being delivered in an online format, with the exclusion of Inquiry Labs, which must be offered in a classroom format pending further investigation of best practices for delivering Inquiry labs online.

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

Nicky will draft a memorandum and send to DC for input and approval before sending to the Faculty Senate and VPAA.

Course and/or Program Review:

COLA

PHIL 417 – God, Religion, and the Meaning of Life – HUMA/WI (existing course seeking Discovery & WI designation)

Motion: Dawn Meredith moved and Kathrine Aydelott seconded to approve PHIL 417 for HUMA.

Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Motion passed. Course approved for HUMA.**

Motion: Dawn Meredith moved and Kathrine Aydelott seconded to approve PHIL 417 for WI.

Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Motion passed. Course approved for WI.**

Transfer Course

Notre Dame course CHEM 10122: Biological Chemistry for Engineers & Physical Scientists – BS

Motion: Steve Pugh moved and Dawn Meredith seconded to approve this transfer course for Discovery BS.

Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Motion passed. Course approved for BS.**

Student Petitions

1. Request to allow UNH MUSI courses to combine to fulfill FPA.

Vote: Yes: 1; No: 5; Abs: 0. **Petition denied.** (bbceps112518)

2. Request to allow 5-wk EcoQuest Program combined with additional 3 wks in New Zealand to fulfill WC requirement.

Vote: Yes: 0; No: 6; Abs: 0. **Petition denied.** (ahcolsa120318)

3. Request to allow St. Lawrence Univ. course ASAI 212 Icons of Islamic Culture to fulfill WC requirement.
Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Petition approved.** Course meets WC criteria. (cawceps120618)
4. Request to allow Univ. of Rhode Island course ENG 205C Creative Nonfiction Writing to fulfill FPA requirement.
Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Petition approved.** Course meets FPA criteria. (irjcolsa111518)
5. Request to allow summer internship in Dublin Ireland to fulfill WC requirement.
Vote: Yes: 0; No: 6; Abs: 0. **Petition denied.** (tmceps112718)
6. Request to allow Semester-at-Sea Colorado State Univ. course IE 300 Global Studies to fulfill HUMA requirement.
Vote: Yes: 0; No: 6; Abs: 0. **Petition denied.** Course does not meet HUMA course criteria. (jmunhm120418)
7. Request to allow Univ. of Hartford course AUCT 150 Living in a Scientific & Tech. World to fulfill ETS requirement.
Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Petition approved.** Course meets ETS criteria. (jtpaul112718)
8. Request to allow UNH course MUSI 411 Fundamentals of Music Theory to fulfill FPA requirement.
Vote: Yes: 0; No: 6; Abs: 0. **Petition denied.** Cannot use UNH non-Discovery courses to fulfill Discovery requirements.
(gpceps120318)

III. Discussion

J-Term Meeting & S19 DC Meeting Schedule - The DC needs to meet once during January break. Proposed date Wed Jan 9. Amy will send email to DC with dates of S19 meetings and to confirm who will be available to attend Jan 9 meeting.

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