

## Discovery Committee Minutes – Feb 10, 2021

**Present (Zoom):** Nicky Gullace (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Norma Bazylinski, Jay Colbert, Roger Grinde, Yvette Lazdowski, Lisa MacFarlane, Greg McMahon, Alicia Medros, Dawn Meredith, Amy Oliva, Catherine Peebles, Charles Vannette

**Absent:** Sajay Arthanat, Andy Colby, Subhash Minocha

### I. Welcome and Announcements

### II. Action Items

#### Minutes

**Motion:** Charles Vannette moved and Kathrine Aydelott seconded approval of the minutes of the Dec 2 and Dec 16, 2020 meetings. **Vote:** Yes 4; No 0; Abs 2. **Motion passed.** Minutes approved.

#### **Course and/or Program Review**

##### COLA

ARTS 510 – Principles of Design - FPA

**Motion:** Kathrine Aydelott moved and Jay Colbert seconded approval of ARTS 510 for FPA.

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

ITAL 540 – Italian American Studies - SS

**Motion:** Kathrine Aydelott moved and Roger Grinde seconded approval of ITAL 540 for SS.

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

#### Student Petitions

1. Request to allow years of military service in Europe and Asia to fulfill WC.

**Vote:** Yes 7; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (rstunhm012321)

2. Request to allow UNH course HIST 595 Indigenous Peoples, Sovereignty, & the US to fulfill HP.

**Vote:** Yes 7; No 0; Abs 0. Exception made. **Petition approved.** (bamcolsa020321)

### III. Discussion

DRC Proposal for Revised Discovery Program – Nicky updated the DC on the results of a recent Faculty Senate survey about the DRC proposal and concerns raised regarding impact the proposed program would have on heavily prescribed majors; accusations that the proposal is “COLA-centric,” and more. There was also discussion of the CEPS ETS variance agreements – how they work now and how they were developed – and if they could/would remain in place under the new program. The variances could remain or be revised. This is something Discovery would work on with the departments and CEPS. Discussion of the proposed first-year diversity requirement included the possibility that if the DRC’s proposal is voted down by the Senate, it is likely a separate motion to add the diversity requirement will be put forward.

Discovery Assessment – The first meeting of the DC syllabus and assessment sub-committee is scheduled for this Fri 2/12/21. They will keep the DC informed of their progress.

**Meeting adjourned 1:50pm.**

Submitted by Amy M. Oliva