

Discovery Committee Minutes, February 16, 2022

Present (Zoom): Nicky Gullace (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Tammy Conrad, Roger Grinde, Lara Demarest, Lou Ann Griswold, Greg McMahon, Dawn Meredith, Jessie Stabile Morrell, Catherine Peebles, Sarah Prescott, Laura Upham, Charles Vannette **Absent:** Jay Colbert

I. Welcome and Announcements

II. Action Items

- Minutes

Motion: Sarah Prescott moved and Katherine Aydelott seconded approval of the February 2, 2022 meeting minutes. **Vote:** Yes 6; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.**

- Course Review

- HUMA 514 A, B, C, & D: Space, Place, & the Environment – FPA, WC, HP, & HUMA respectively & WI (*reactivating previously approved interdisciplinary team-taught course sequence.*)

Motion: Greg McMahon moved and Lou Ann Griswold seconded the approval of HUMA 514 A-D.

Modified Motion: Table and request a modified master syllabus that satisfies the new NECHE guidelines (i.e., SLO's) and ensure all sections have 50% of the grade based on writing to satisfy WI requirements. Additionally, encourage, (not require) clarification on how class participation is evaluated.

Vote: Yes: 8; No 0; Abs 0

- GEOG 574: Global Landscapes & Environmental Processes – PS (*course modification*)

Motion: Roger Grinde moved and Greg McMahon seconded approval of GEOG 574.

VOTE: Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. Motion passed. Course approved for PS.

Committee asked Discovery to make the following suggestion: move the new sentence in the course description to the end for clarity.

- Student Petitions

1. Request to allow Saint Anselm transfer course FAS 376: Art & Design for the Web, to fulfill ETS.

Vote: Yes 7; No 1; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (apunhm021622) (*Exception for this student only.*)

III. Discussion

- ETS Pathways in Engineering: Nicky consulted with Associate Dean McCrone who advised that CEPS would like to maintain the status quo and will work with advisors to make sure everyone is clear on the pathway and how it affects transfer students. Laura confirmed the RO is agreeable to this.
- National Survey for Student Engagement (NSSE): Revisited comments from the NSSE, a survey administered to graduating seniors, that indicate overall student dissatisfaction with Discovery requirements. The comments often mentioned that the requirements are not flexible enough and felt like an obstacle. Major changes to Discovery are on hold while we wait for other issues to be resolved but there is a desire to improve the student experience. Discussion ensued regarding potentially making small, incremental changes that could streamline the program to provide more flexibility to students while keeping in mind there may be a major overhaul in the future.

Meeting adjourned 1:58pm.

Submitted by Lara Demarest