

Discovery Committee Minutes, February 2, 2022

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

I. Welcome and Announcements

Nicky introduced and welcomed Laura Upham, the Registrar's Office new representative on the committee replacing Andy Colby.

II. Action Items

- Minutes

Motion: Sarah Prescott moved and Katherine Aydelott seconded approval of the December 15, 2021 meeting minutes. **Vote:** Yes 7; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.**

- Course Review

ITAL 628B: Early, Modern, & Contemporary Italy – WC (*reactivating previously approved course.*)

Motion: Charles Vannette moved and Roger Grinde seconded approval of ITAL 628B for WC

Vote: Yes 7; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.**

- Student Petitions

1. Request to allow Providence College course PSY 201: Research Design & Statistical Analysis, to fulfill QR.
Vote: Yes 7; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (swcola020222)
2. Request to allow New England College courses BIOL 1111: Biodiversity, Evolution & Ecology and BIOL 1112: Genetics & Plant Biology, to fulfill BS.
Vote: Yes 7; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (sscola020222)
3. Request to allow military transfer courses in meteorology to fulfill PS.
Vote: Yes 7; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (ppcola020222)
4. Request to allow Cedarville University course BTGE 2740: New Testament Literature, to fulfill WC.
Vote: Yes 0; No 8; Abs 0. **Petition denied.** (tswccepts020222)
5. Request to allow Cedarville University course HUMA 1400: Intro to Humanities, to fulfill FPA.
Vote: Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (tsfpaceps020222)
6. Request to allow military experience to fulfill WC.
No vote taken. RO is correcting student record making petition unnecessary
7. Request to allow Rochester Institute of Technology course ARTH 136: History of Western Art II, to fulfill FPA.
Vote: Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (jdceps020222)
8. Request to allow UNH course CHIN 425: Intro to Chinese Culture, to fulfill FPA.
Vote: Yes 0; No 8; Abs 0. **Petition denied.** (cmpaul020222)

III. Discussion

- Laura is meeting with Admissions to review transfer courses to reduce the need for student petitions. Laura and Lara will work to resolve petitions in clear cut cases that were missed by Admissions.
- ETS Pathways in Engineering: The committee discussed the agreement that allows ETS to be fulfilled by a suite of courses for certain CEPS students and the challenge that some face when they either test out of a course or transfer a course in. Nicky will consult with the Associate Dean of CEPS to discuss potential adjustments to the agreement to reduce the need for student petitions and report back to the committee.
- Other potential changes, i.e., make fulfilling FPA easier for Music majors, will be discussed once the GERC recommendations are released.
- National Survey for Student Engagement (NSSE): Comments from the NSSE, a survey administered to graduating seniors, that reference Discovery were shared with the committee. The comments were overwhelmingly negative and often mentioned the requirements are not flexible enough.

Meeting adjourned 2:03pm.

Submitted by Lara Demarest