

## Discovery Committee Minutes, February 26, 2014

**Present:** Barb White, Amy Cunningham, Todd DeMitchell, William McKernan, Barbaros Celikkol, Stephanie Cheney, Sanjeev Jha, Dan Beller-McKenna, Steve Pugh, Wayne Fagerberg, Sandhya Shetty, Norma Bazylinski, Sean Moore, Bill Ross

Absent: PT Vasudevan, Gretchen Bean (*comments received via email*)

**Next meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2014**

**The committee took the following action:**

**Motion:** Wayne Fagerberg moved, Todd DeMitchell seconded approval of the Minutes of February 12, 2014 meeting. **Vote:** yes 7, no 0, 0 abstain. **Motion passed.**

**Student Petitions:**

Student petitioning to use EREC 409 to fulfill their SS requirement, though it was taken prior to being approved as SS: The student and their Advisor both stated that there was a misunderstanding regarding completion of their requirements. An exception was made and the petition was approved. (*sbcolsa021714*)

Student petitioning to meet their ETS requirement with summer abroad experience: The perspective of the Registrar is that the courses are very compressed and therefore would not meet ETS requirement. **Motion:** To table review and decision pending additional information. **Vote:** 6 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain. **Motion passed.** Barb White will contact the student's college and the DC will review at the meeting of March 19, provided requested information has been received. (*dccolsa012814*)

Student petitioning to use a UNH abroad program course to meet their ETS requirement: The committee's discussion included that the college/department has not submitted this course for ETS. The petition was denied. (*agcolsa022614*)

**Discussion**

*SI Attribute Proposal*

The DC discussed the SI Attribute proposal (version 12/01/13), submitted by the University Council on Inclusive Excellence and Equity (UCIEE). Comments included that: a more clear definition of SI is needed; the methodologies laid out (first paragraph, second sentence) seem too restrictive; it would be helpful to have guiding criteria listed (as with INQ) for vetting courses proposed for SI; the difference between diversity and globalization should be carefully thought through and stated; the NSSE data is not a strong argument as the sample is small; the proposal refer to comparative institutions; it is important to identify the problem. In addition, carefully word the sentence about existing courses, the need for the SI attribute, and how these courses can be utilized. The DC agreed that they would like to see a revised version that incorporates their feedback. Barb asked that a revised version come to the DC within the next 2 weeks, in order to be included on a late March meeting agenda. Todd will contact Chris Shea with the DC's feedback.

*AY2014-15 Discovery Dialogue topic: Social Innovation*

Due to time constraints, the DC agreed to choose the topic title via email. Amy will send the DC two to three choices for topic title.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.**  
**Submitted by Amy Cunningham**