

## Discovery Committee Minutes, March 30, 2022

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

### I. Welcome and Announcements

Nicky informed the Discovery Committee that two majors, Health Sciences and Economics, will now allow their students to fulfill Discovery requirements in major. This is allowed by Faculty Senate Motion # XX-M24 passed on May 2, 2016.

### II. Action Items

#### • Minutes

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

#### • Course Review

- WS 500 / QS 500: Introduction to LGBTQ+ Studies – HP & INQ  
(*new course for topic currently offered under WS 505, Survey of Women's Studies*)  
**Tabled.** Requested revisions will be communicated to faculty.
  - WS 501: Queer Cinema – HP & INQ  
(*new course for topic currently offered under WS 505, Survey of Women's Studies*)  
**Tabled.** Requested revisions will be communicated to faculty.
  - WS 502: Disability Justice – HP & INQ  
(*new course for topic currently offered under WS 505, Survey of Women's Studies*)  
**Tabled.** Requested revisions will be communicated to faculty.
  - WS 503: Leadership for Social Change – SS  
(*new course for topic currently offered under WS 505, Survey of Women's Studies*)  
**Tabled.** Requested revisions will be communicated to faculty.
  - ENGL 565: Literary Dublin – HUMA (*adding Discovery to existing course*)  
**Motion:** Greg McMahon moved and Kathrine Aydelott seconded approval of ENGL 565 for HUMA  
**Vote:** 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abs. **Motion passed.** Course approved.  
*Committee asked Nicky and Lara to communicate the following requested modifications to the syllabus: bullet point the Discovery SLO's & clearly state the course is HUMA (not WC) to avoid student confusion.*
  - GERM 738: Contemporary German Theatre – FPA (*adding Discovery to existing course*)  
**Motion:** Roger Grinde moved and Sarah Prescott seconded approval of GERM 738 for FPA  
**Vote:** 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abs. **Motion passed.** Course Approved
  - MUSI 502: Music in Contexts – FPA & INQ (*change to course title, description, & content to existing Discovery course*)  
**Tabled.** Requested revisions will be communicated.
- #### • Student Petitions
1. Request to allow AP Human Geography fulfill WC rather than SS.  
**Vote:** Yes 0; No 8; Abs 1. **Petition denied.** (smchhs033022)
  2. Request to allow Roger Williams transfer course CORE 102, Challenges of Democracy, to fulfill HP.  
**Vote:** Yes 0; No 8; Abs 1. **Petition denied.** (jdpaul033022)

### III. Discussion

Catherine Peebles presented 2 proposed motions Honors Program Discovery Pilots.

1. Allow Honors students to use upper-level courses to fulfill Discovery requirements.
2. Resurrect program allowing select Honors courses to count for two Discovery Categories (previously approved by the Faculty Senate).

The rationale, potential implications, and implementation were discussed. As time did not allow for a vote, this will be continued at the next meeting.

**Meeting adjourned 2:05pm.**

Submitted by Lara Demarest