

Discovery Committee Minutes, Apr 8, 2020

Present (Zoom): Nicky Gullace (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Sajay Arthanat, Norma Bazylinski, Jay Colbert, Andy Colby, Wenjin Cui, Roger Grinde, Lisa MacFarlane, Greg McMahon, Dawn Meredith, Subhash Minocha, Amy Oliva
Absent: Hope Anderson, Alicia Medros, Sarah Prescott

I. Welcome and Announcements

II. Action Items

Minutes

Motion: Greg McMahon moved and Sajay Arthanat seconded approval of the minutes of the Mar 11, 2020 meeting.

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

Course and/or Program Review (No courses for review at this meeting.)

Student Petitions

1. Request to allow University of Nebraska-Omaha course CSCI 1200 – Computer Science Principles to fulfill ETS.

Vote: Yes 7; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (khunhm033020)

2. Request to allow UNH course RUSS 632 to fulfill WC.

Vote: Yes 7; No 0; Abs 0. Exception made, **petition approved.** (ppcolsa033120)

III. Discussion

WC for students returning from Study Abroad early due to COVID-19: Kerryellen Vroman, GEC, initially contacted Nicky about allowing 96 students who are being forced to return to the US from Italy early due to COVID-19 be allowed to have WC requirement fulfilled and the DC approved allowing WC for these students at their meeting on Mar 11, 2020. Nicky updated the DC that she determined on their behalf that (roughly) 184 students would be allowed to have WC fulfilled, not just the 96 who returned from Italy. Reasons for Nicky making this decision include challenges in quickly developing courses for these students who lost out on study abroad due to COVID-19 and through no fault of their own.

P/F Option for S20 – Andy Colby and Nicky shared the Faculty Senate's vote to allow a Pass/Fail grading option for S20. Normally, Discovery courses cannot be graded P/F (or Cr/F) but under the current circumstances this will be allowed.

Update on Discovery Program Review – Nicky reported that program review is “a bit stalled,” at the moment. The DRC is scheduled to meet on Apr 10, 2020 to discuss how to move forward. The Provost would like review and proposals to move forward but it will be up to the DRC. Nicky will update this committee (DC) on plans regarding program review at the next meeting, Apr 22, 2020.

Meeting adjourned 1:30pm.

Submitted by Amy M. Oliva