

## Discovery Committee Minutes, April 13, 2022

**Present (Zoom):** Nicky Gullace (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), 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

SVCAA Kate Ziemer was welcomed to the meeting. Charles Vannette was thanked his work to help pass the removal of the prohibition to teach Discovery courses online.

### II. Action Items

- Minutes

**Motion:** Dawn Meredith moved and Charles Vannette seconded approval of the March 30, 2022 meeting minutes. **Vote:** Yes 7; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.**

- Honors Program Pilot

- Advisors and colleges will remain informed when an Honors student successfully petitions to have an upper division course approved for Discovery credit. The petition is abridged to make the process easier.
- SVCAA Ziemer advised that the Agenda Committee of the Faculty Senate empowered the Discovery Committee to approve the pilot. A one slide explanation will be presented to the full Senate. After one year a report will be submitted detailing how the pilot went. It is not expected that a large number of students will utilize the option, but the number will be tracked and included in the report.
- Catherine confirmed the modified petition process will not be retroactive. If a student wants to petition for a course previously taken, the full process should be followed. Laura advised that Banner/ Degree Works coding for Discovery credit cannot happen until after the course has been completed and grades finalized. The Registrar's Office continues to look for an alternative and will inform the DC if one is found.
- Concern was expressed that by offering more options students may feel overwhelmed. Honors is working on processes to ensure communication, (e.g., advising checklists, general communications, liaisons, etc.) to help alleviate confusion for students and faculty.
- Concern was expressed that there may be an equity issue by not offering this option to all students in the upper division course. It was noted the plan is to start out with a smaller population with the hope of offering it more broadly in the future, all students have the option to submit a full petition, and most students in upper division courses have already satisfied Discovery with a lower division one. Starting with a smaller group will hopefully allow for issues to be identified and resolved before proposing to offer it to a wider population.
- Typically, petitions will be expected to be submitted early, during the registration process. Petitions submitted during the first few weeks of the semester are permitted, but approval is not guaranteed.
- The modified petition requires a syllabus. If a syllabus for the upcoming semester is not ready, a prior version is acceptable. Petitions for courses previously not taught will be handled as they come in.

**Motion:** Charles Vannette moved and Greg McMahon seconded approval of the Honors Pilot Program.

**Vote:** Yes 7; No 0; Abs 2. **Motion passed.**

- The second part resurrects a proposal approved in 2014 that allows one Honors Seminar course to fulfill two Discovery categories. As this was previously approved, no vote is required. Honors wants to keep the DC aware. This will be included in the presentation to the Faculty Senate.

- Granite State Merger

- The DC received a list of Granite State courses that currently transfer in with Discovery credit. The DC is asked to determine what additional information is needed to add these courses as Discovery.
- Discussion ensued regarding options of how to approve courses and why the DC is being asked to do this.
- SVCAA Ziemer advised that after July 2023, when a UNHM student takes GS course it will not be considered a transfer course.
- A subcommittee will be formed to draft a proposal to bring to the DC.

- Student Petitions

1. Request to UNH course LLC 444I – US Latinx Cities fulfill WC rather than HUMA.  
**Vote:** Yes 9; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (kcceps041322)
2. Request to allow York County Community College transfer course HUM 110 – World Religions fulfill WC.  
**Vote:** Yes 9; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (lwcolsa041322)
3. Request to allow time spent in India to fulfill WC.  
**Vote:** Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (bnccceps0413222)
4. Request to allow Southern Maine Community College transfer course CNMS 115/ARTS 130 – 2D Design to fulfill FPA.  
**Vote:** Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (ecpaul0413222)

### III. Discussion

Time did not allow for any further discussion.

**Meeting adjourned 2:06 pm.**

Submitted by Lara Demarest