

Discovery Committee Minutes, Apr 22, 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, Sarah Prescott (sent votes/comments)

I. Welcome and Announcements

II. Action Items

Minutes

Motion: Roger Grinde moved and Greg McMahon seconded approval of the minutes of the Apr 8, 2020 meeting.

Vote: Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.** Minutes approved.

Course and/or Program Review

COLA

HUMA 505 – Introduction to Religion – HUMA

Motion: Dawn Meredith moved and Greg McMahon seconded approval of HUMA 505 for HUMA designation.

Vote: Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.** Course approved.

Student Petitions

1. Request to allow Colby-Sawyer College course WGS 111 Intro. to Women's & Gender Studies to fulfill HP.

Vote: Yes 1; No 6; Abs 1. **Petition denied.** (jbcolsa041620)

2. Request to allow UNH courses ITAL 401 Elementary Italian I and ITAL 402 Elementary Italian II to be combined to fulfill WC. **Vote:** Yes 0; No 8; Abs 0. **Petition denied.** (skpcbe042020)

III. Discussion

Update on Discovery Program Review – The Discovery Review Committee (DRC) has announced two open forums to be held Tues 4/28/20, 12:30-2pm and Wed 4/29/20, 2-3:30pm on Zoom for discussion of the proposed revised Discovery Program. All faculty are encouraged to attend. Nicky and Amy are currently working on the descriptions and student learning outcomes (SLOs) for the proposed Wildcat Foundations, Knowledge Categories, Ways of Communicating (skills/competencies), and Global & Societal Challenges. The DC discussed the concerns about changing the Discovery requirements expressed by UNHM faculty and whether UNHM could have a separate set of requirements. Andy Colby reminded the DC that UNHM is one of the six UNH colleges and therefore the same number of credits and requirements are expected to fulfill the same degrees conferred. Bottom line - same diploma, same requirements. The DC went on to discuss whether they felt the proposal for a revised Discovery Program could be "saved," with UNHM opposed.

Pass/Fail Option for S20 – Some DC members expressed that the Pass/Fail option for S20 was not clearly articulated to faculty and their departments. Andy Colby offered to forward to the DC a copy of the RO email that had been sent to all departments.

Meeting adjourned 1:30pm.

Submitted by Amy M. Oliva