

## Discovery Committee Minutes – May 5, 2021

**Present (Zoom):** Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Norma Bazylinski, Jay Colbert, Andy Colby, Roger Grinde, Yvette Lazdowski, Lisa MacFarlane, Greg McMahon, Alicia Medros, Dawn Meredith, Amy Oliva, Charles Vannette  
**Absent:** Nicky Gullace (chair), Sajay Arthanat, Jillian Cookinham, Subhash Minocha, Catherine Peebles

### I. Welcome and Announcements

Vice-chair Kathrine Aydelott reminded the DC that Nicky requested an additional meeting be scheduled to wrap up semester business such as the draft syllabus template/checklist, DC member elections, and goodbyes. The majority of the DC present agreed to meet Wed May 19. Amy will send Zoom link and agenda.

### II. Action Items

#### Minutes

**Motion:** Yvette Lazdowski moved and Dawn Meredith seconded approval of the minutes of the April 21, 2021 meeting.  
**Vote:** Yes 5; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.** Minutes approved.

### Course and/or Program Review

#### COLA

PHIL 419 Race, Gender, & Social Justice – HUMA/INQ  
PHIL 419W Race, Gender, & Social Justice – HUMA/INQ/WI

The DC found the courses easily meet criteria for HUMA and INQ; however, there was confusion regarding WI. The syllabus for each course seemed to be identical. The DC asked that the Discovery Office go back to the college with the following: Does PHIL intend that both versions of the course will be identical? If yes, concern is whether this will be confusing to students and if the department has a plan to avoid this. The DC envisions future petitions from students who believe they've taken the WI version of the course, when in fact they enrolled in the course not designated as WI and using the argument that the syllabus, requirements, and grading "is exactly the same." If the department does not intend for the courses to be identical, the committee then requests a revised syllabus for PHIL 419W in order to make their final decision.

**Motion:** Charles Vannette moved and Greg McMahon seconded to table decision on PHIL 419 & 419W pending additional information from the proposing faculty/department. **Vote:** Yes 6; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.** Amy and Kathrine will write to COLA.

#### Student Petitions

1. Request to allow UNH course HUMA 525 Philosophy & the Law to fulfill HUMA.

**Vote:** Yes 4; No 0; Abs 1. **Petition approved.** (lricolsa042021)

2. Request for WC to be considered fulfilled based on EWB experience/travel and cancellation of study abroad.

**Vote:** Yes 5; No 0; Abs 1. **Petition approved.** Approval based on cancellation of study abroad. (dpsceps042121)

3. Request to allow UNH course ANTH 511 Core Concepts in Anthropology to fulfill WC.

**Vote:** Yes 0; No 6; Abs 0. **Petition denied.** (avcolsa042021)

4. Request to allow AP Art to fulfill FPA.

**Vote:** Yes 0; No 6; Abs 0. **Petition denied.** (tencola042621)

5. Request to allow UNH course ARTH 474 Intro to Architectural History to fulfill FPA.

**Vote:** Yes 0; No 6; Abs 0. **Petition denied.** (gmpcolsa050321)

### Reconfirmation of College Academic Variance Agreements

As agreed when initially approved by the DC, College Academic Variance agreements are reviewed for reconfirmation every five years.

**Motion:** Charles Vannette moved and Greg McMahon seconded reconfirmation of all existing College Academic Variance Agreements. **Vote:** Yes 6; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.** Amy will send notification letters to department chairs and associate deans.

### III. Discussion

No items for discussion at this time.

**Meeting adjourned 1:45pm.**

Submitted by Amy M. Oliva