

Discovery Committee Minutes, May 15, 2013

Present: Sean Moore, Kathie Forbes, Brett Branscombe, Tom Safford, Brian Chu, Stephanie Cheney, Wayne Fagerberg, Amy Cunningham, Barb White, Rosemary Caron, Bill Ross, Steve Pugh (Absent: Lisa MacFarlane, Dan Beller-McKenna –votes received via email)

Next meeting: Wednesday, SEPT 4, 2013

Approval of the Minutes – **Motion:** Wayne Fagerberg moved and Bill Ross seconded, approval of the Minutes of the meeting of May 1, 2013. **Vote:** 4 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. **Motion passed.**

The committee took the following action:

The following courses were reviewed, and/or confirmed in the categories/attributes listed:

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HMG 570 – *Intl Food and Culture* – WC – This course is already approved as INQ/WI. **Motion:** Bill Ross moved, Wayne Fagerberg seconded, to approve this course with stipulation that the faculty revise the syllabus to more fully articulate to students how their assignments make connections between food and culture. **Vote:** 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. **Motion passed.** Barb will follow up with the faculty.

Student Petitions

Senior petitioning for ESCI 405 recitation session to meet DLAB requirement due to advising error by their faculty advisor. Student's college Dean writes that they are supportive of this petition. Advisor has taken responsibility for the error. Petition approved. Registrar's office will notify the student. (whhhs_052013)

The Committee discussed the following:

Re-review of Discovery Courses – If the DC agrees, Barb is offering to re-review courses that are, or have been, offered online or in compressed format and bring to the committee any that require further deliberation. These include summer courses. The DC discussed again the definition of compressed courses (5 weeks or less) and whether there was need to re-review long-standing summer courses. The consensus was yes, summer courses would be re-reviewed and that there is no “grand-fathering.” Re-review will be done by collecting syllabi on these courses, making sure they contain the same content as originally proposed, and meet Discovery criteria. The rubric developed for course re-review will be used. The Discovery Program will need this data for 5-year review, as well as there is a motion from the Faculty Senate to do this work. Barb send out a reminder to get syllabus. The DC unanimously agreed to have Barb go forward with re-review project this summer. Going forward, the DC may wish to have a subcommittee for course re-review.

ESCI 501, Intro to Oceanography - Currently approved as PS with DLAB, would like to consider INQ model for lab portion. The labs are taught by TAs. They are hoping to offer the course with INQ labs in the spring. This would require the same stipulations on TA training as other large lecture w/lab courses and, if approved, it would be as an INQ pilot. Barb will contact CETL to see if these TAs can have training this summer prior to course review by DC, so the TAs would be ready to go in the spring.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.

Submitted by Jenny Wu