

Discovery Committee Minutes, June 22, 2020

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

I. Welcome and Announcements

Nicky thanked the DC for taking the time to meet during the summer.

II. Action Items

Minutes (N/A)

Extension of Faculty Senate Motion XXIV-M12 (3/30/20)

The Faculty Senate is asking to extend the motion regarding summer online instruction through the F20 semester by a new motion that will be introduced at their meeting on June 29, 2020, to suspend all Faculty Senate rules related to online instruction for Discovery INQ (444's and INQ Attribute), DLABs, and INQ Labs.

Motion: Dawn Meredith moved and Roger Grinde seconded to support suspending of all Faculty Senate rules related to online courses for Inquiry 444s, Inquiry Attribute, Inquiry Labs, and Discovery Labs for the Fall 2020 semester only. **Vote:** Yes 6; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.**

Course and/or Program Review

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ENGL 636 – Literature and the Environment - HUMA

The Honors Program is requesting this course be approved for Discovery HUMA for the F20 semester only. In order to avoid confusion in the future, Andy Colby (Registrar), recommended that the RO code HUMA only for Honors Students who take the course in F20 and the course not be designated as HUMA.

Motion: Dawn Meredith moved and Sajay Arthanat seconded to allow Honors Students to fulfill their HUMA requirement by taking ENGL 636 Literature and the Environment in the Fall 2020 semester only.

Vote: Yes 6; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.**

Student Petitions

1. Appeal of 5/6/20 DC decision to allow military experience outside of the US to fulfill WC.

Vote: Yes 7; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (tsbunhm050620)

2. Request to allow Heriot Watt University course C68SS Scottish Studies to fulfill HP.

Vote: Yes 7; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (deceps051820)

3. Request to allow J-Term in Australia to fulfill WC.

Vote: Yes 0; No 7; Abs 0. **Petition denied.** (mapceps051120)

III. Discussion

Update on Discovery Review: Nicky informed the DC that in light of tragic national events (most recently, the murder of George Floyd), and a Foster's Daily Democrat article ([UNH announces new 'action-plan' to end systemic racism](#)) in which Pres. Dean was quoted as saying "One specific area we will explore, and have already spoken about with the faculty senate leadership, is our undergraduate curriculum and the Discovery program," that discussion on developing a core requirement on race and identity would be on the agenda of the DRC meeting this Friday (June 26). DC members' questions included whether there were existing courses that could be considered as fulfilling the requirement and if the requirement would be an additional knowledge category or an attribute, such as the Social Identity Attribute proposed in 2015.

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Submitted by Amy M. Oliva