

Discovery Committee Minutes, September 18, 2013

Present: Barb White, Amy Cunningham, Gretchen Bean, Stephanie Cheney, Dan Beller-McKenna, Sean Moore, Steve Pugh, Sandhya Shetty, William McKernan, Kathie Forbes, Todd DeMitchell, Barbaros Celikkol, Jing Wang
Wayne Fagerberg (Absent: Bill Ross)

Next meeting: Wednesday October 2, 2013

Motion: Steve Pugh moved and Dan Beller-McKenna seconded, approval of the Minutes of the meeting of May 15, 2013. 3 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain. **Motion passed.**

Motion: Gretchen Bean moved and Dan Beller-McKenna seconded, approval of the Minutes of the meeting of September 4, 2013. 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:

COLA

ENGL 415A-G and J – HUMA/WI – *Review of these courses was tabled at the meeting of September 4, 2013, and are being resubmitted.*

Question was asked re: statement in proposal materials regarding grade prerequisite of B or better in ENGL 401. It was discussed that although prerequisites are allowed with Discovery courses, no grade restrictions are allowed (with the exception of calculus). Letter doesn't address DC directly. There is nothing mentioned in the course description so it can't really be enforced. This grade restriction was not part of the "official" proposal forms but part of background information.

Motion: Dan Beller-McKenna moved and Steve Pugh seconded to approve the ENGL 415 series A-G and J, with the stipulation that the stated grade requirement of B or better (in proposal materials) be removed from the ENGL 401 pre-requisite. **Vote:** 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. **Motion passed.**

ENGL 415A – *Literature & the Law* – HUMA/WI

ENGL 415B - ...& *Business* – HUMA/WI

ENGL 415C - ...& *Medicine* - HUMA/WI

ENGL 415D - ...& *the Animal World* – HUMA/WI

ENGL 415E - ...& *Cyberculture* – HUMA/WI

ENGL 415F - ...& *the Psyche* – HUMA/WI

ENGL 415G - ...& *the Visual Arts* – HUMA/WI

ENGL 415J - ...& *Religion* – HUMA/WI

The Committee discussed the following:

CEPS/ChE request for ETS variance:

Request from the Chemical Engineering department regarding the Bioengineering program asking for an academic variance for the ETS category. The variance is only for the major – not the department - with the understanding that the student must complete the major.

Motion: Barbaros Celikkol moved and Steve Pugh seconded to approve the department of Chemical Engineering's Bioengineering Program (BENG) request that the Discovery category, Environment, Technology & Society (ETS), be satisfied by the sum total of courses in the major, i.e., only students who have completed the major will be understood to have completed the ETS requirement, and this be in effect for 5 years and subject to review at the end of the 5th year. If there is any change to the BENG program that effects the ETS portion of the curriculum (refer to proposal dated July 11, 2013, ANSC 602 or BMS 730; ChE 761; ChE 762; BENG 763-764), these changes must be reviewed by the Discovery Committee for approval. **Vote:** 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. **Motion passed.**

Continued conversation re drafting policy regarding repeat TA INQ Training:

Amy Cunningham and Barb White met with CETL's Victor Benassi and Mike Lee to discuss this topic further. The committee reviewed and discussed the draft policy regarding TA training. Discovery will redraft for committee review and will revisit in 2 weeks.

Parameters regarding TA lab grading:

Discussed questions and concerns around this topic very briefly and will continue further discussion in a future meeting.

Did not get to:

Brief update on summer course review

Meeting adjourned at 1:35pm.

Submitted by Alix Campbell