

## Discovery Committee Minutes, Sept 18, 2019

**Present:** Nicky Gullace (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Sajay Arthanat, Andy Colby, Art Greenberg, Lisa MacFarlane, Greg McMahon, Subhash Minocha, Amy Oliva, Sarah Prescott, Charles Vannette, Terri Winters  
**Absent:** Norma Bazylinski; Subhash Minocha; Dawn Meredith (sabbatical); PCBE Rep; Student Senate Rep; Faculty Senate Rep

### I. Welcome and Announcements

The committee welcomed Terri Winters, who is serving as the interim AT representative.

### II. Action Items

#### Minutes

**Motion:** Sarah Prescott moved and Kathrine Aydelott seconded approval of the minutes of the Sept 4, 2019 meeting.

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

#### Course and/or Program Review

##### Transfer Course(s)

Univ. of Maine (Orono) course ASTO 110 Intro to Astronomy Lab (hybrid lab) for DLAB.

**Discussion:** The DC's concerns regarding approving this hybrid lab for DLAB included that, with one exception, DLAB's are not permitted to be delivered online nor are there approved hybrid DLAB's at UNH; and how the LOE's are vetted and approved.

**Motion:** Art Greenberg moved and Sajay Arthanat seconded to approve ASTO 110 hybrid lab for DLAB for the UNH student taking the course during the current (F19) semester.

**Vote:** Yes 4; No 1; Abs 1. **Motion passed.**

##### Student Petitions

1. Request to allow George Washington University (GWU) course MLS 1089 Clinical Microbiology to fulfill BS w/DLAB; and GWU course MLS 1081 Chemistry to fulfill PS.

**Vote:** Yes: 5; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Petition approved.** (uohceps0919)

2. Request to allow PUCV course HIST 552 Art & Society in Pre-historic Times to fulfill HP.

**Vote:** Yes: 5; No: 3; Abs: 0. **Petition approved.** (amchhs082719)

3. Request to allow Southern Maine CC course ARTS 170 Photography I to fulfill ETS.

**Vote:** Yes: 3; No: 0; Abs: 2. **Petition approved.** (cgcola082819)

4. Request to allow ASA Barcelona course Spanish Art & Cultural Heritage to fulfill HP.

**Vote:** Yes: 4; No: 0; Abs: 1. **Petition approved.** (jccola082719)

5. Request to allow Gordon College course ART 320 Photography II to fulfill FPA.

**Vote:** Yes: 5; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Petition approved.** (jdjpcbe091119)

6. Request to allow Nashua CC course HIST 241N American Constitutional History or HIST 102N Western Civilization 1600 to the Present to fulfill HUMA.

**Vote:** Yes: 4; No: 0; Abs: 1. **Petition approved.** (HIST 102N only.) (agceps090919)

### III. Discussion

HUMA 526: Humanities & Science course title - The DC discussed concerns around the title of the recently approved new offering under special topics course, HUMA 526. The DC acknowledged that while the new course looks to be excellent, there was a certain sensitivity regarding use of the word "science" and that perhaps "pseudo-science" would be more accurate here. The DC also acknowledged that it is not their mandate to micromanage Discovery courses and that a suggestion to the faculty person about the title of their course, was a friendly suggestion to be considered and not a stipulation to the course being approved – the course has been approved. The DC agreed that Nicky would write to the faculty person and suggest an edit to the title of the course.

Teaching in the Discovery categories – The DC discussed concerns around faculty offering courses outside of their discipline, or area of expertise. Discussion included whether the option to collaborate across disciplines on courses was supported (other than when an Honors Symposium course). It was pointed out that the Discovery categories were to be about the disciplines, not as much about the subject matter and that the place where that was to happen was in the INQ

courses, which it no longer does. Discussion also included concerns around the financial impact of Discovery on departments and colleges, and how that cannot be ignored during Discovery Program review.

Huron Consulting Group – The Huron Consulting Group is interviewing people on campus regarding budgeting and resources. Nicky will try to meet with them. (*Information can be found here: <https://www.unh.edu/main/future-of-unh/financial-strength>* )

**Meeting adjourned 1:35pm.**

Submitted by Amy M. Oliva, Admin Director