

## Discovery Committee Minutes, Sept 8, 2021

**Present (Zoom):** Nicky Gullace (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Laure Barillas, Jay Colbert, Andy Colby, Lara Demarest, Lou Ann Griswold, Greg McMahon, Dawn Meredith, Jesse Stabile Morrell, Catherine Peebles, Sarah Prescott, Kate Ziemer

### I. Welcome and Announcements

Chair Nicky Gullace and SVPA Kate Ziemer welcomed and thanked the members of the committee. Introductions were made.

### II. Action Items

- Minutes

**Motion:** Kathrine Aydelott moved and Dawn Meredith seconded approval of the minutes of the May 19, 2021 meeting. **Vote:** Yes 5; No 0; Abs 2. **Motion passed.** Minutes approved.

- Course and/or Program Review

SUST 501 – Sustainability in Action – adding SUST 401 as prerequisite as it was omitted in error when course description was updated. (DC serving as a secondary review body. Not a Discovery course.)

**Motion:** Dawn Meredith moved and Sarah Prescott seconded approval of the addition.

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

- Syllabi Review

The Admissions Office asked the DC to review the two syllabi to see if either may qualify to transfer in for elective credit, Discovery credit, or neither:

- Ohio State course MATH 1148, College Algebra and Trigonometry
  - University of Anchorage-Alaska, MATH A121, College Algebra for Managerial and Social Sciences
- Both syllabi will be sent to the Math department for guidance.

- Student Petitions

1. Request to allow Manchester Community College course ART 110, Welding for the Artist, to fulfill FPA.

**Vote:** Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (jceps090821)

2. Request to allow Hobarth College course FSEM 055, Russians Discover America to fulfill ENGL 401.

**Vote:** Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (pgcola090821)

3. Request to allow River Valley Community College course MATH 107, Statistics II, to fulfill QR.

**Vote:** Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (jscolsa090821)

- Honors Seminar Requirement Revision

Change the Honors Discovery Seminar requirement that a student must take a minimum of one 444 and one 440. New requirement: two of the four required Honors Discovery courses be a discussion-based seminar style courses capped at 20.

Rationale: Removing the one-of-each requirement benefits Honors students by allowing more flexibility while still ensuring they take two small discussion-based seminar course. This will also reduce the number of petitions.

**Vote:** Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0.

### III. Discussion

- The Faculty Senate has approved the creation of two new committees: General Education Review Committee (GERC) to review the recommendations of the Discovery Review Committee (DRC), and General Education Diversity Requirement Committee to develop a diversity requirement in the general education curriculum.
- The Honors Program is working on redesigning the curriculum. This work is complicated because changes to the Discovery Program have not been decided on.

**Meeting adjourned 1:42pm.**

Submitted by Lara Demarest