

Discovery Committee Minutes, October 5, 2022

Present: Barb White (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Christopher Bauer, Tammy Conrad, Lara Demarest, Roger Grinde, Lou Ann Griswold, Catherine Peebles, Sarah Prescott, Laura Upham, Charles Vannette

Guests: Kate Ziemer, Matt MacManes

I. Welcome and Announcements

- Guests SVPAA Kate Ziemer and Faculty Senate Chair Matt MacManes join the meeting. They thank the committee for its important work upholding Discovery standards and learning outcomes.

II. Discussion on Updates to Discovery Program

- There is general consensus that the general education requirements should be updated. The Faculty Senate is aware and is thinking about ways to accomplish a revised or reimagined Discovery Program.
- Matt asked the committee to provide students more flexibility where it can be provided while maintaining learning outcomes.
- Concern was expressed that there may be a reason why a department has not put a particular course forward for Discovery and that approving petitions to allow other UNH courses count for Discovery may override a department's decision. Department control over their curriculum is important.
- Concern was expressed about equity because there may be students who do not know they could petition and/or were not advised it is an option.
- The committee approved an update to Discovery's charter which incorporates the most recent Faculty Senate motions that may help the committee feel more comfortable with being more flexible. There was discussion about the updated charter and where it stands in the approval process.
- It was noted that things have changed since many of the approved courses were submitted. There were reasons that Discovery offerings were kept limited that no longer apply.
- SVPAA Ziemer and Professor MacManes thanked the committee and leave.

III. Action Items

- Minutes

Motion: Kathrine Aydelott moved and Lou Ann Griswold seconded approval of the September 21, 2022 meeting minutes. **Vote:** Yes 5; No 0; Abs 1. **Motion passed.**

- Proposal Amending Policy for Reviewing Transfer coursework to Satisfy Discovery Requirements.

The amendment, which clarifies that if UNH sunsets a Discovery course that is a direct equivalent to a transfer course the transfer course will maintain its Discovery credit, was discussed at the 9/21/2022 meeting. Time did not allow for a vote at that meeting. The Registrar's Office current procedure already does this, but it is good to have it as documented policy.

Motion: Sarah Prescott moved and Charles Vannette seconded approval of the amended policy.

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

- Granite State Courses for Discovery

- The committee received 21 GS courses to review for Discovery credit. There was discussion regarding what exactly the committee is looking for and how to best proceed with the reviews.
- No votes were taken
- Goal for next meeting is to review the first 4 courses; 3 ARTS & 1 HIST.

Next Meeting Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

Meeting adjourned 2:00 pm.

Submitted by Lara Demarest