

Discovery Committee Minutes, April 27, 2022

Present (Zoom): Nicky Gullace (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Roger Grinde, Jay Colbert, Lara Demarest, Lou Ann Griswold, Ashley Lapp, Greg McMahon, Dawn Meredith, Jessie Stabile Morrell, Catherine Peebles, Sarah Prescott, Charles Vannette **Absent:** Tammy Conrad, Laura Upham

I. Welcome and Announcements

Dawn Meredith will be starting on the retirement path and will not be on seeking reelection to the Discovery Committee. The committee will miss Dawn and thanked her for the years of exemplary service. Congratulations Dawn!

II. Action Items

- Minutes

Motion: Sarah Prescott moved and Kathrine Aydelott seconded approval of the April 13, 2022 meeting minutes. **Vote:** Yes 7; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.**

- Discovery Charter Revision

- The intent of the current charter, which was approved in 2018, was to encompass as many practices as possible into one document. It was meant to be updated on a regular basis.
- Kathrine Aydelott discovered the charter was out of date and revised it by removing references that are no longer relevant and adding pertinent Faculty Senate motions that passed since 2018. No major deletions or changes were made.
- The charter should be updated on a regular basis.
- Kathrine will present the revised charter to the Agenda Committee of the Faculty Senate.

Motion: Roger Grinde moved and Dawn Meredith seconded approval of the revised Charter of the Discovery Committee.

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

- Student Petitions

1. Request to allow courses taken at the Naval Nuclear Power School to fulfill PS.
Vote: Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (dmpaul042722)
2. Request to allow Manchester Community College transfer course AMT 112 – Intro to Engineering Design & Solid Modeling, fulfill INQ.
Vote: Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (jpceps042722)
3. Request to waive WC based on time spent in Kuwait with the NH Air National Guard.
Vote: Yes 9; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (bccolsa042722)
4. Request to waive WC based on time spent traveling with the National Guard.
No Vote Take: Petition tabled. The student will be asked to revise and resubmit the petition. More details are needed before adjudication. (ccunhm042722)

III. Discussion

- The Discovery Committee is charged with streamlining and adding flexibility to the program. Allowing Honors students to take upper division courses for Discovery and resurrecting previously approved motion allowing select Honors courses to count for two Discovery categories is one way to accomplish this. Concern has been expressed that this will have unintended consequences on departments with courses with low enrollment and on graduate programs with TA's.
- It was suggested that any changes to Discovery requirements be studied from many angles.
- Discussion ensued regarding the current 4-credit 4-course semester vs a 3-credit 5-course semester.
- Any changes / transitions need to be well planned, thought out, and communicated effectively.
- Discovery's GS subcommittee (Nicky, Laura, Sarah, and Lara) will meet with GS Review Committee on May 5th.

Meeting adjourned 2:00 pm.

Submitted by Lara Demarest