

Discovery Committee Minutes, September 20, 2023

Present: Nicky Gullace (chair), Sachiko Akiyama, Tammy Conrad, Lara Demarest, Roger Grinde, Lou Ann Griswold, Timothy Montminy, Steve Neer, Catherine Peebles, Elizabeth Slomba

Absent: Chris Bauer, Greg McMahon, Sarah Prescott, student rep

Guests: SVPAA Kate Ziemer, Faculty Senate Chair Vidya Sundar

I. Welcome and Announcements

- A report comparing general education requirements from comparator institutions has been posted for the committee to review.
- Vidya thanked the committee for being more flexible regarding student petitions while still maintaining UNH's academic standards. This flexibility is a "band aid" as we attempt to revamp our gen-ed program. The newest iteration of the ad-hoc Discovery Review Committee (which is distinct from the Permanent Discovery Committee) should be launched soon as the membership is almost finalized. Initially the plan was for the new committee to start meeting over the summer, but it has been delayed in part because the Faculty Senate voted to increase the size of committee. The charges and timeline will be officially announced soon. The Discovery Program Office will be available to provide support.
- Kate extended her thanks to the DC and shared the Deans are supportive of the work to revamp our gen-ed curriculum. The goal is a deeper engagement of the broader UNH community. She expressed her opinion that this is an opportunity for a transformative change.

II. Action Items

- Minutes

Motion: Sachiko Akiyama moved and Lou Ann Griswold seconded approval of the June 6, 2023, meeting minutes.

Vote: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. **Minutes approved.**

- Course Review

1. HIST 440J: Capitalism and Inequality in World History – HP

This is a new honors symposium course. It was noted some requirements are missing from the syllabus. There was discussion regarding if the course should be Inquiry. It was noted that not all 440 courses are Inquiry, but they can be.

Motion: Lou Ann Griswold moved and Roger Grinde seconded a motion to ask for the following additions to the syllabus:

- The number of credit hours and the Federal Credit Hour definition
- Indication of the Discovery SLO's
- Discovery Statement
- How class participation will be graded
- A note that additional readings will be posted in Canvas

Additionally, the DC asked for input from the Honors Program be sought to see if the course should add the Inquiry attribute, if the reading expectations are appropriate, and if there are any other suggestions.

Vote: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0.

III. Discussion

- Nicky advised that she has offered to help the transfer student from a Japanese university put together a petition to the committee regarding the transfer credits and Discovery credit. We have not heard back.
- The DC was updated on the implementation of CourseLeaf Course Inventory Management, CIM, course submission process. The committee discussed some questions and concerns such as issues with formatting when pasting text into the boxes, is there/should there be a character limit in the text boxes, categories and attributes should be separated, where are the WI questions, clarify the question regarding CEITL only applies to online & hybrid DLAB & INQ courses, and links to resources. Lara has been working closely with the Registrar's Office on the implementation and will see what changes can be made.

Next Meeting Wednesday, October 4, 2023.

Meeting adjourned 2:00 pm.