

## Discovery Committee Minutes, September 6, 2023

**Present:** Nicky Gullace (chair), Sachiko Akiyama, Chris Bauer, Tammy Conrad, Lara Demarest, Roger Grinde, Lou Ann Griswold, Greg McMahon, Timothy Montminy, Steve Neer, Catherine Peebles, Sarah Prescott, Elizabeth Slomba, Joseph Skehan

### I. Welcome and Announcements

The committee was welcomed and thanked for their participation. Introductions were made. SVPAA Kate Ziemer will be attending our next meeting.

### II. Action Items

- Minutes

**Motion:** Sarah Prescott moved and Greg McMahon seconded approval of the May 17, 2023, meeting minutes.

**Vote:** Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 3. **Minutes approved.**

- Student Petitions

1. Request to allow Plymouth State transfer course ENDI 2100: The Story to satisfy SS.

**Vote:** Yes 0, No 7, Abstain 0. **Petition denied.** (rscola082523)

2. Request to allow Middlebury College transfer course GRMN 3198: Early Intermediate German to satisfy WC.

**Vote:** Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0. **Petition approved.** (rscola082223)

3. Request to allow UNH course THDA 487: History of Dance to satisfy HP.

**Vote:** Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0. **Petition approved.** (ericeps082823)

4. Request to allow UNH course ECE 401: Perspectives in Electrical & Computer Engineering to satisfy ETS.

**Vote:** Yes 0, No 6, Abstain 0. **Petition denied.** (efcola082823).

- Course Review

1. SUST 401H: Exploring Sustainability/Honors – ETS (creating Honors version of previously approved Discovery course)

**Motion:** Sarah Prescott moved and Roger Grinde seconded approval of SUST 401H for ETS.

**Vote:** Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 0. **Course approved.**

### III. Discussion

Admissions contacted us asking for guidance regarding a transfer student from a Japanese university. All the courses transferred in with 2 credits. Steve Neer, University Registrar, explained all transcripts from foreign institutions are submitted to an accredited agency that determines the number of credit hours. Because the transfer courses are only 2 credits, they are not eligible for Discovery credit under the established rule, which requires a minimum of 2.5 credits. Prior to asking the student to submit a formal petition, Nicky wanted to discuss the situation with the committee to establish what additional information the DC would like in order to determine if any of the transfer courses could qualify for Discovery credit. It was discussed that the syllabi submitted were basic in nature and more details regarding assignments would be needed to make a determination. Nicky will communicate to Admissions that specific information regarding the amount of work outside of regular class meetings would be required if the student would like the committee to review a formal petition.

Next Meeting Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

**Meeting adjourned 2:00 pm.**