Discovery Committee Minutes, October 18, 2023
Present: Nicky Gullace (chair), Sachiko Akiyama, Chris Bauer, Lara Demarest, Lou Ann Griswold, Cassie Lafleur, Timothy Montminy, Greg McMahon, Steve Neer, Sarah Prescott, Elizabeth Slomba
Absent: Tammy Conrad, Roger Grinde, Catherine Peebles

I. Welcome and Announcements

- Cassie Lafleur, Student Senate Representative from last year, was welcomed back to the committee.

II. Action Items

- Minutes

  Motion: Lou Ann Griswold moved and Sachiko Akiyama seconded approval of the September 20, 2023, meeting minutes.
  Vote: Yes 4, No 0, Abstain 2. **Minutes approved**.

- Course Review

  1. HIST 440J: Capitalism & Inequality in World History – HP
     Resubmitted after Honors was consulted, and syllabus was modified. (See 9/20/23 minutes.)
     Motion: Chris Bauer moved and Sarah Prescott seconded approval of HIST 440J for HP.
     Vote: Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 0.
  2. CHBE 502: Energy Balances – INQ
     Existing INQ course adding prerequisites.
     As Inquiry courses are foundational, they typically don't have prerequisites. However, due to the highly prescribed nature of Chemical Engineering & Bioengineering majors and class size of first-year courses, this second-year course is the best suited for the INQ requirement. The department wants to ensure students have the appropriate background.
     Motion: Sarah Prescott moved and Greg McMahon seconded approval of adding prerequisites to CHBE 502.
     Vote: Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 1.

III. Discussion

- Nicky advised we just received a 3rd petition for THDA 487: History of Dance to count for HP. It is a currently FPA. It was discussed that this is a good example of course that could be considered for double-counting if that becomes allowed under a revised Discovery/gen ed curriculum.
- Tim updated the committee on an estimated timeline for the newest Discovery Review Committee. The work will start soon and it is expected to be at least a year before a new proposal is ready.
- Update on Course Inventory Management course submission software: Lara shared the committee's feedback to the Registrar's Office, (see 9/20/23 minutes). They were able to add a help bubble link with sample course submission documents and confirmed there is no word limit on text boxes. The other requests need to wait until the spring as they are focused on the rollout for now. The implementation timeline has been pushed back by a couple of weeks as the vendor and colleges needed more time. The training will start in late October.

  Meeting adjourned 1:34 pm.