

## Discovery Committee Minutes, November 1, 2023

**Present:** Nicky Gullace (chair), Sachiko Akiyama, Chris Bauer, Tammy Conrad, Lara Demarest, Roger Grinde, Lou Ann Griswold, Cassie Lafleur, Timothy Montminy, Greg McMahon, Steve Neer, Elizabeth Slomba

**Absent:** Catherine Peebles, Sarah Prescott

### I. Welcome and Announcements

### II. Action Items

- Minutes

**Motion:** Sachiko Akiyama moved and Lou Ann Griswold seconded approval of the October 18, 2023, meeting minutes.

**Vote:** Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 1. **Minutes approved.**

- Student Petitions

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

**Vote:** Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 0. **Petition approved.** (ffcola101823)

2. Request to allow UNH course MUSI 501: The Western Canon to satisfy FPA.

**Vote:** Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 0. **Petition approved.** (ekcola101823)

3. Request to allow Boston College transfer course THEO/PHIL 1090: Perspectives on Western Culture I to satisfy WC.

**Vote:** Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0. **Petition approved.** (jsceps102323)

4. Request waive Inquiry based on number of credits transferred in and because one of the transfer courses was equivalent to BIOL 130, which is Inquiry.

**Vote:** Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0. **Petition approved.** (awcolsa103023)

- Course Review

- ITAL 553: Containing Difference: Race & Identity in Contemporary Italy - HUMA/INQ/WI

**Motion:** Greg McMahon moved and Roger Grinde seconded approval of ITAL 553 for HUMA.

**Vote:** Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0. **Motion passed.** Course approved for HUMA.

**Motion:** Chris Bauer moved and Lou Ann Griswold seconded approval of ITAL 553 for INQ.

**Vote:** Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0. **Motion passed.** Course approved for INQ.

**Motion:** Lou Ann Griswold moved and Greg McMahon seconded approval of ITAL 553 for WI.

**Vote:** Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0. **Motion passed.** Course approved for WI.

### III. Discussion

- The DC has received multiple requests for THDA 487: History of Dance to satisfy HP. It has been established that the course meets both FPA and HP SLO's. Perhaps this is a good course to allow students to receive either FPA or HP (not both). Transparency is important as it would not be fair to students who don't know they could petition for this. Options of what implementation may look like were discussed. Steve advised that DegreeWorks can be coded to allow the course to fulfil whichever category is open. Nicky will investigate further.
- The newest iteration of the Discovery Review Committee has co-chairs: Professor David Bachrach, COLA and Professor Andrew Seal, PAUL. Charges are being developed and work will begin soon.
- Discussion regarding the timeline before any changes to Discovery would be implemented. Since students follow the Academic Catalog in place when they enter the university, there could be students under the current requirements for 5 or 6 more years, (assuming a revised program passes). It may be worthwhile for departments to submit more courses for Discovery as more courses will make it easier for students to fulfil requirements. Additionally, the policy of "add one/lose one" no longer applies. There is no penalty for adding new Discovery courses.
- Discussion regarding allowing students who register for the UNH Marching Band, Jazz Band, or similar to receive FPA credit. Currently, students can't satisfy FPA with these courses because they are only 2-credits and credits cannot be added together. These are big time commitments that can be considered a service to the university. Awarding FPA for multiple semesters may allow students to stay in the band if they are in highly prescribed majors. This has also been discussed in the Student Senate, and they support it. Nicky will investigate further.

Next meeting Wednesday, November 15, 2023

**Meeting adjourned 1:38 pm.**