Discovery Committee Minutes - Oct 7, 2020

Present (Zoom): Nicky Gullace (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Sajay Arthanat, Norma Bazylinski, Jay Colbert, Andy Colby, Art Greenberg, Roger Grinde, Jenny Hargenrader, Lisa MacFarlane, Greg McMahon, Alicia Medros, Subhash Minocha, Amy Oliva, Catherine Peebles, Sarah Prescott, Charles Vannette

I. Welcome and Announcements

II. Action Items

Minutes
Motion: Sarah Prescott moved and Kathrine Aydelott seconded approval of the minutes of the Sept 23, 2020 meeting. Vote: Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. Motion passed. Minutes approved.

Course and/or Program Review
COLA
HIST 444 (Honors) – From Beijing to Baghdad: Objects along the Silk Road – FPA/INQ/WI

Motion: Roger Grinde moved and Charles Vannette seconded approval of HIST 444 (From Beijing to Baghdad) for FPA. Vote: Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. Motion passed. Course unanimously approved for FPA.

Motion: Art Greenberg moved and Charles Vannette seconded approval of HIST 444 (From Beijing to Baghdad) for WI. Vote: Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. Motion passed. Course unanimously approved for WI.

Motion: Subhash Minocha moved and Roger Grinde seconded approval of HIST 444 (From Beijing to Baghdad) for INQ. Vote: Yes 9; No 0; Abs 0. Motion passed. Course unanimously approved for INQ.

Student Petitions
1. Request to allow Orange Coast College course GEOG 180 Physical Geography to fulfill PS w/DLAB. Vote: Yes 9; No 0; Abs 0. Petition approved. (kdpcbe092120)

2. Request to allow UNH course ARTH 695 Art & Architecture of Etruscan & Pre-Roman Italy to fulfill HP. Vote: Yes 9; No 0; Abs 0. Petition approved. HP will be granted when student has successfully completed the course. (acceps092220)

3. Request to allow UNH course ENGL 581 Intro to Post-Colonial Literatures in English to fulfill HUMA. Vote: Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. Petition approved. HUMA will be granted when student has successfully completed the course. (gmcolsa100120)

III. Discussion

AP & Discovery – The DC reviewed and discussed the drafted motions recommending that AP courses be evaluated for Discovery credit based on whether the AP course meets Discovery category criteria and Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs), the same way transfer courses are evaluated for Discovery fit (Faculty Senate Motions XXIII-M25 and XXIII-M26, April/May 2019). Questions and comments from DC members included whether a motion (or motions) were necessary based on how many students would benefit from this change; what the current acceptable AP scores are for fulfilling Discovery requirements; which Discovery requirements could be met by AP. It was commented that efforts to alleviate pressure on students are seen favorably. The DC was reminded that when AP scores come in to UNH, they are equated with an existing UNH course. If that course is Discovery, the student gets Discovery credit. (See: Advanced Standing & College Credit) In addition, academic departments determine what AP test scores are acceptable. Nicky maintained that AP courses should be treated as transfer courses and that, in many cases, AP courses are more rigorous than transfer courses. The DC agreed to continue this discussion at a future meeting. In the meantime, the Discovery office will contact the ARTS department to further discuss FPA credit for AP Studio Art: Design.

Meeting adjourned 2:00pm.
Submitted by Amy M. Oliva