Discovery Committee Minutes, Sept 23, 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, Amy Oliva, Catherine Peebles, Sarah Prescott, Charles Vannette

Absent: Subhash Minocha

I. Welcome and Announcements

II. Action Items

Minutes

Motion: Art Greenberg moved and Kathrine Aydelott seconded approval of the minutes of the Sept 9, 2020 meeting. Vote: Yes 6; No 0; Abs 0. Motion passed. Minutes approved.

Course and/or Program Review

COLA

LLC 444 (Honors) – Human Rights and The Disappeared in Latin American Culture – resubmit for INQ (WC & WI approved 9/9/20)

Motion: Charles Vannette moved and Roger Grinde seconded approval of LLC 444 (The Disappeared) for INQ.

Vote: Yes 6; No 0; Abs 0. Motion passed. Course approved for INQ.

INCO

INCO 490A – Fundamentals of Research Integrity (Tabled at meeting of 9/9/20. DC serving as secondary review body. Not a Discovery course.)

Motion: Kathrine Aydelott moved and Art Greenberg seconded approval of INCO 490A Fundamentals of Research Integrity.

Vote: Yes 7; No 0; Abs 0. Motion passed.

Student Petitions

1. Request to allow UNH courses TECH 411 & 412 to combine to fulfill INQ.

Vote: Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. Petition approved. (mpceps090120)

2. Request to allow UNH course ENGL 627 Intermediate Poetry Writing Workshop to fulfill FPA.

Vote: Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. Petition approved. (paceps090920)

3. Request to allow AP Studio Art to fulfill FPA. (Tabled at the meeting of 9/9/20. Additional information needed.)

Vote: Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. Petition approved. (trspcbe090120)

III. Discussion

AP & Discovery – The DC discussed how AP courses are currently evaluated for Discovery credit. Discussion included concern regarding “stepping on the toes” of academic departments. Nicky clarified that Discovery would be recommending evaluation of AP courses for Discovery credit, not department/major, based on whether the course meets Discovery category criteria and Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs), which is how transfer courses are now evaluated for Discovery fit (Faculty Senate Motions XXIII-M25 and XXIII-M26, April/May 2019). It was commented that there would be pieces to untangle related to making a change like this. The DC agreed that Nicky draft a motion to allow Discovery flexibility in granting Discovery credit only for AP courses, for discussion at their next meeting on Wed 10/7/20.

Update on Discovery Program Review – Nicky reported to the DC that the Discovery Review Committee Final Report to the Faculty Senate is going to a financial feasibility committee. She will keep the DC informed.

Meeting adjourned 2:10pm.
Submitted by Amy M. Oliva