Discovery Committee Minutes, February 15, 2023

Present: Barb White (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Sachiko Akiyama, Christopher Bauer, Tammy Conrad, Lara Demarest, Roger Grinde, Lou Ann Griswold, Cassie Lafleur, Greg McMahon, Catherine Peebles, Sarah Prescott, Laura Upham

I. Welcome and Announcements

Cassie Lafleur, the new Student Representative, was welcomed to the committee.

Barb received an inquiry regarding online synchronous and asynchronous delivery of Inquiry courses. The committee briefly discussed if and how the goals of Inquiry could be met with an asynchronous course. Faculty Senate motion XXVI – M17 lifted restrictions for online delivery of INQ courses and requires the DC to recertify Inquiry courses changing to an online modality. Courses will be evaluated on their individual merit.

II. Action Items

• Minutes
  Motion: Kathrine Aydelott moved and Greg McMahon seconded approval of the February 1, 2023, meeting minutes. Vote: Yes 7; No 0; Abs 0. Minutes approved.

• Student Petitions
  Request to allow Universidad Autonoma Barcelona study abroad transfer course INCO 687 - Spanish Contemporary Art, fulfill WC.
  Vote: Yes 6, No 1, Abstain 0. Petition approved. (ajpaul021523)
  Request to allow UNH course ARTS 501 – Intro to Ceramics, fulfill FPA.
  Vote: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0. Petition approved. (rpceps021523)
  Request to allow Virginia Tech course AFST 1714 – African American Studies, fulfill HP.
  Motion: Table petition until transcript from Virginia Tech is received.
  Vote: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0. Petition tabled. (klceps021523)

• Course Proposals / Reviews
  INCO 501 – Peer Coach Introduction to Pedagogy.
  DC serving as secondary review body. Not a Discovery course.
  Motion: Kathrine Aydelott moved and Lou Ann Griswold seconded approval of INCO 501
  Vote: Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 1. Course approved.

• Granite State Courses for Discovery
  1. ART 401 – Intro to Drawing – FPA
     Motion: Sachiko Akiyama moved and Sarah Prescott seconded approval of ART 401 for FPA
     Vote: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0. Course approved.
  2. ART 403 – Intro to Watercolor – FPA
     Motion: Greg McMahon moved and Sarah Prescott seconded approval of ART 403 for FPA
     Vote: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0. Course approved.
  3. ART 550 – Art History – FPA
     It's noted the course is potentially redundant with ARTH 480 – Intro to Art History. ARTH 480 is taught in-person in Durham and online in Manchester.
     Motion: Christopher Bauer moved and Lou Ann Griswold seconded approval of ART 550 for FPA
     Vote: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0. Course approved.

III. Discussion

The Faculty Senate invited departments to submit courses for Discovery consideration if they meet the SLO’s of the Discovery category.

A motion to develop a new ad hoc committee to reimagine Discovery/General Education curriculum is before the Faculty Senate. The intent is to begin work this summer and continue through next year. The DC noted the importance of a strong student voice during the process.

Meeting adjourned 1:58 pm.