

Discovery Committee Minutes, April 16, 2025 (Zoom)

Present: Nicky Gullace (chair), Sachiko Akiyama, Chris Bauer, Lara Demarest, Maeve Dion, Meaghan Dittrich, Roger Grinde, Lisa MacFarlane, Greg McMahon, Kenneth Mitchell, Catherine Pebbles, Wendy Pothier, Forrest Schwartz, Laura Upham,

Absent: Timothy Montminy (vice-chair), Anna Wainwright

I. Welcome and Announcements

II. Action Items

- Minutes

Motion: Christopher Bauer moved and Sachiko Akiyama seconded approval of the April 2, 2025, meeting minutes.

Vote: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 2. **Minutes approved.**

- Student Petitions

1. Request to allow UNH course HUMA 512A: Modern Humanities to satisfy HUMA

Sachiko Akiyama moved and Lisa MacFarlane seconded approval

Vote: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0. **Petition approved.** (ghcolsa033125)

2. Request to allow UNH course GERM 797: The Holocaust-History & Memory to satisfy HP

Greg McMahon moved and Wendy Pothier seconded approval

Vote: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0. **Petition approved.** (shpaul/cola040225)

3. Request to allow UNH course CS 415: Intro to Computer Science I to satisfy ETS

Maeve Dion moved and Lisa MacFarlane seconded approval

Vote: Yes 0, No 7, Abstain 0. **Petition denied.** (bbcola040825)

4. Request to allow UNH course CS 457: Intro to Data Science & Analytics to satisfy HUMA

Greg McMahon moved and Forrest Schwartz seconded approval

Vote: Yes 0, No 8, Abstain 0. **Petition denied.** (avceps040825)

5. Request to waive WC based on time spent living in Vietnam

Sachiko Akiyama moved and Wendy Pothier seconded approval

Vote: Yes 8, No 0, Abstain 0. **Petition approved.** (qhcpasm040725)

6. Request to waive WC based on time spent living in Vietnam

Wendy Pothier moved and Sachiko Akiyama seconded approval

Vote: Yes 8, No 0, Abstain 0. **Petition approved.** (dhcpasm040425)

7. Request to waive WC due to being stationed in Japan while in the Marines (resubmission)

Greg McMahon moved and Maeve Dion seconded referring the request to ASAC

Vote: Yes 8, No 0, Abstain 0. **Petition referred to ASAC.** (jniceps041425)

8. Request to allow UNH course PHIL 530: Ethics to satisfy HUMA

Sachiko Akiyama moved and Wendy Pothier seconded approval

Vote: Yes 8, No 0, Abstain 0. **Petition approved.** (ghcolsa033125)

- Course Reviews

none

III. Discussion

- **IDEA:** The online training was scheduled, but it was decided it would be wise to wait until there is clarity from UNH's administration regarding its implementation. If there are no changes to the current plan, the training will be rescheduled for the fall. It was suggested that because the deadline for the catalog is earlier, the training should be as soon as possible in the fall semester.
- **Writing Requirement:** There has been discussion with a department regarding Dual/Double Majors and if those students need to have a WI in each major. While we don't want to penalize these

students, we also don't want to allow students to opt out of major requirements. These students can fulfill the "wildcard" in their second/dual major. This came up because it was reported there are [a small number of] majors that don't have upper-level WI courses. After discussion, it was determined this doesn't happen often and is better handled on a case-by-case basis. Meaghan will post an explanation to the website explaining this and will communicate with the department who posed the question.

Meaghan updated the DC on the WI Faculty Retreat applicants and approval of their participation in the June sessions. She also shared a brief update regarding the 2025 student exit interviews. Overall, the feedback was that students don't struggle to fulfill WI as UNH offers plenty of courses that fulfill the requirement. Additionally, students who satisfied ENGL 401 by AP Exam or Dual Enrollment struggled the most with writing in other genres.

- Senate's Special Committee for AI: Maeve updated the DC regarding the committee's work. One suggestion may be to code courses in the Time & Room / Course Catalog identifying courses that teach how to use AI appropriately. This would not be a requirement; it would be a FYI.
- Granite Core/Foundations: Knowing that a new general education curriculum won't be approved by the Faculty Senate this academic year, Nicky advised that in the fall the DC will work on some of the changes previously discussed. There was discussion regarding one of those suggestions: Allowing students to take 1 course P/F. It was pointed out that while students only need a D- in a Discovery course to pass and receive credit, students may want to take a Discovery course P/F so it would not hurt their GPA. This is something that the Student Senate has advocated for. While some members expressed concern about this policy, everyone was open to the discussion.

Next Meeting April 30, 2025

Meeting adjourned 2:02 pm