

Discovery Committee Minutes, January 9, 2019

Present: Nicoletta Gullace (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Sajay Arthanat, Norma Bazylnski, Daniel Carchidi, Andy Colby, Vanessa Druskat, Dawn Meredith, Amy Oliva, Charles Vannette

Absent: Greg McMahon, Subhash Minocha, Jake Adams, Catherine Peebles

I. Welcome and Announcements

Nicky Gullace thanked DC members present for attending.

II. Action Items

Course and/or Program Review:

COLA

HUMA 527 – Humanities & Religion – WC/WI (*existing course seeking Discovery - part of restructuring of HUMA curriculum for HUMA dual major & Honors program*)

Motion: Dawn Meredith moved and Kathrine Aydelott seconded to approve HUMA 527 for WC.

Vote: Yes: 5; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Motion passed. Course approved for WC.**

Motion: Dawn Meredith moved and Kathrine Aydelott seconded to approve HUMA 527 for WI.

Vote: Yes: 5; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Motion passed. Course approved for WI.**

The DC asked that the following be included in the course approval letter to the proposing faculty person: *The committee determined, as proposed, HUMA 527 is not ready for delivery in the e-course or hybrid online formats and recommends you work with Instructional Design & Development (IDD) should you wish to create online versions of the course.*

Student Petitions

1. Request to allow cultural experiences in Tanzania to combine to fulfill FPA.

Vote: Yes: 0; No: 5; Abs: 0. **Petition denied.** (dekcola11018)

2. Request to allow 5-wk EcoQuest Program in New Zealand to fulfill WC requirement.

Vote: Yes: 0; No: 5; Abs: 0. **Petition denied.** (calcolsa120718)

3. Request to allow AP Music Theory to fulfill WC requirement.

Vote: Yes: 0; No: 5; Abs: 0. **Petition denied.** (shdcolsa121118)

4. Request to allow AP Music Theory to fulfill FPA requirement.

Vote: Yes: 1; No: 4; Abs: 0. **Petition denied.** (shdcolsa121118)

5. Request to allow Salve Regina course ART 231 Ceramics I to fulfill FPA requirement.

Vote: Yes: 1; No: 3; Abs: 1. **Petition denied.** (kewcola112618)

6. Request to allow UMASS Amherst course ResEc 263 Natural Resource Economics to fulfill SS requirement.

Vote: Yes: 5; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Petition approved.** Course meets SS course criteria. (krmcola121818)

7. Request to allow "History of Football" to fulfill HP requirement.

Vote: Yes: 0; No: 5; Abs: 0. **Petition denied.** Insufficient course information. (mmcola121018)

III. Discussion

DC's role regarding Discovery course enrollment issues, duplication of course offerings, etc. – In addition to the DC's responsibility to review courses proposed for Discovery based on fit for Discovery category and/or attributes, perhaps it would be helpful to have very clear direction from the Faculty Senate, colleges, and VPAA regarding whether the DC should be concerned with duplication of course offerings, enrollment issues, etc. How would the DC know what the enrollment issues are? Discussion to be continued at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned 1:30pm. Submitted by Amy M. Oliva, Admin Director