

Discovery Committee Minutes, March 6, 2019

Present: Nicoletta Gullace (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Jake Adams, Sajay Arthanat, Norma Bazylinski, Andy Colby, Vanessa Druskat, Greg McMahon, Dawn Meredith, Amy Oliva, Sarah Prescott, Charles Vannette

Absent: Subhash Minocha, Daniel Carchidi, Catherine Peebles

I. Welcome and Announcements

II. Action Items

Minutes

Motion: Vanessa Druskat moved and Sajay Arthanat seconded approval of the minutes of the Feb 20, 2019 meeting.

Vote: Yes: 7; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Motion passed. Minutes approved.**

Course and/or Program Review

COLA

HIST 440G – Revolutions in Science – HP/WI (new course for AY19 Honors Symposium)

Motion to approve for HP: Dawn Meredith, second Kathrine Aydelott.

Vote: Yes 7; No 0; Abs; 0. **Motion passed. Course approved for HP.**

Motion to approve for WI: Dawn Meredith, second Kathrine Aydelott.

Vote: Yes 7; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed. Course approved for WI.**

PHIL 440C – Finding a Place for Humanity – WC/WI (new course for AY19 Honors Symposium)

Motion to approve for WC: Dawn Meredith, second Greg McMahon.

Vote: Yes 7; No 0; Abs; 0. **Motion passed. Course approved for WC.**

Motion to approve for WI: Kathrine Aydelott, second Dawn Meredith.

Vote: Yes 7; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed. Course approved for WI.**

Transfer Course (request from UNHM)

Colby-Sawyer, ARTS 270A – Ceramics I – FPA - *Tabled for review at a future DC meeting.*

Student Petitions

No student petitions to review at this meeting.

III. Discussion

Faculty Senate motion regarding INQ Online – At their meeting on Feb 25, the Faculty Senate voted “To remove the 2013 moratorium prohibiting Inquiry Attribute courses from being delivered in an online format, with the exclusion of Inquiry 444 seminars or [and] Inquiry Labs, which must be offered in a classroom format pending further investigation of best practices.”

Faculty Senate motion to initiate 2020 (5-yr) program review – At their meeting on Feb 25, the Faculty Senate voted to endorse “...a review of the Discovery Program. The Faculty Senate will form an ad hoc review committee which will have faculty representatives from each college. The committee membership will include at least one faculty senator and at least one faculty member of the Discovery Program Committee. The Faculty Senate will invite the Director of the Discovery Program and selected non-faculty members who contribute to the review, to serve on the committee. The Agenda Committee will establish the goals of the ad hoc committee.” Nicky reported that she attended the meeting of the Agenda Committee of the senate this morning (3/6/19) and that they are handling the make-up of the Discovery ad hoc review committee and working on the charges for the 5-yr review.

Proposed Policy Changes for Awarding Transfer and Study Abroad Discovery Credit - Nicky presented a proposal to the Agenda Committee (3/6/19) regarding changing how Discovery transfer and study abroad courses are evaluated for Discovery credit, and accepting 2.5 credit international courses for Discovery (current rule is 3 credit minimum to count for Discovery). The Agenda Committee asked that the DC create motions related to the proposal that will go back to the Agenda Committee. After extensive discussion of the proposal, the DC voted unanimously to send the following first motion to the Agenda Committee:

- 1) *To award Transfer and Study Abroad Discovery credit based on whether a course taken at another institution (and transferred with sufficient credit hours) aligns with the UNH Discovery Category Description and Student Learning Outcomes.*

Regarding a second motion to allow 2.5 credit international courses to meet Discovery (if the courses meet Discovery category description and Student Learning Outcomes), the DC discussed whether US Study Away courses should also be included. The DC agreed that Nicky contact the Agenda Committee to ask for their guidance regarding whether the second motion should be for Study Abroad only, Study Abroad and Study Away, or all transfer courses.

Student evaluation supplemental INQ questions – Nicky proposed a revision to question #2 of the five supplemental INQ course evaluation questions. During the DC's discussion, suggestions were made for revisions to the other INQ evaluation questions. Nicky will draft a new set of INQ evaluation questions based on the discussion and email to the DC for their input.

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