

Discovery Committee Minutes, Mar 11, 2020

Present: Nicky Gullace (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Hope Anderson, Sajay Arthanat, Norma Bazylinski, Andy Colby Wenjin Cui, Roger Grinde, Lisa MacFarlane, Greg McMahon, Alicia Medros, Dawn Meredith, Subhash Minocha, Amy Oliva

Absent: Sarah Prescott (sent votes); Jay Colbert (sent votes); Alicia Medros

I. Welcome and Announcements

II. Action Items

Minutes

Motion: Kathrine Aydelott moved and Greg McMahon seconded approval of the minutes of the Feb 26, 2020 meeting.

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

Course and/or Program Review

COLA

IA 401 International Perspectives – World Cultures (WC)

Motion: Dawn Meredith moved and Roger Grinde seconded to approve IA 401 for WC.

Vote: Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.** Course approved for WC.

PCBE

ADMN 420 Business Statistics – Quantitative Reasoning (QR)

Motion: Dawn Meredith moved and Kathrine Aydelott seconded to approve ADMN 420 for QR.

Vote: Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.** Course approved for WC.

Student Petitions

1. Request to allow UVM courses GERM 122A - 20th Century Culture & Civilization: Modern Germany to fulfill HP; and BSAD 025 Sustainable Business Strategies to fulfill ETS.

Vote: Yes 7; No 0; Abs 1. **Petition approved.** (ljgpcbe030220)

III. Discussion

WC for students returning from Italy early due to COVID-19: Kerryellen Vroman, GEC, contacted Nicky about allowing 96 students who are being forced to return to the US from Italy early due to COVID-19 be allowed to have WC requirement fulfilled. These students will have been in Italy 5-6 weeks, just shy of the 8-week (approved program) abroad rule for fulfilling WC.

Motion: Dawn Meredith moved and Greg McMahon seconded to allow the World Cultures (WC) requirement be fulfilled for students returning early from Italy due to the COVID-19 outbreak during the S20 semester.

Vote: Yes 6; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.** Nicky will inform Kerryellen Vroman.

DRC Proposal presented to the Faculty Senate – Nicky shared the DRC's proposed Discovery/GenEd template and first year Wildcat Critical Thinking Seminar presented to the Faculty Senate on Mar 2, 2020. The DC discussed each area – Wildcat Foundations, including Wildcat Critical Thinking Seminar; Knowledge Categories; Ways of Communicating; Global & Societal Challenges; Capstone. (Proposal documents can be found on Box in the [Discovery Program Committee folder](#).) Early feedback from some faculty and colleges is that the proposal "looks good on paper," but there are concerns about its feasibility. Discussion included (but was not limited to): coding in DegreeWorks; feasibility of students being required to take 24 credits outside of their college; next steps with Faculty Senate and colleges.

The DRC is planning to hold "Open House" sessions on Mar 24 & 25, for discussion of the proposals. Once those sessions are confirmed, Amy will send the info to the DC.

Nicky also shared the early draft version of the "Gen Ed Map" advising sheet. (Amy will post it in DC folder on Box.)

Meeting adjourned 2:00pm.

Submitted by Amy M. Oliva