

## Discovery Committee Minutes – April 21, 2021

**Present (Zoom):** Nicky Gullace (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Sajay Arthanat, Norma Bazylinski, Jay Colbert, Andy Colby, Jillian Cookinham, Roger Grinde, Yvette Lazdowski, Lisa MacFarlane, Greg McMahon, Dawn Meredith, Catherine Peebles, Amy Oliva, Charles Vannette

**Absent:** Alicia Medros, Subhash Minocha

### I. Welcome and Announcements

- Nicky informed the DC she will be out of town on May 5, 2021. Vice-chair Kathrine Aydelott will chair the DC meeting in her absence.
- Nicky requested an additional meeting be scheduled for May to wrap up semester business such as the draft syllabus template and checklist, DC member elections, and goodbyes. The hope is to meet in person but that may not be possible. Potential meeting dates are Wed May 12 or May 19.

### II. Action Items

#### Minutes

**Motion:** Kathrine Aydelott moved and Dawn Meredith seconded approval of the minutes of the Mar 24, 2021 meeting.

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

#### **Course and/or Program Review**

*No courses for review.*

#### Student Petitions

1. Request to allow UNH course ARTS 552 Digital Photography to fulfill FPA.

**Vote:** Yes 5; No 1; Abs 1. **Petition approved.** (jdceps032421)

2. Request to allow Bridgewater State Univ. course COMP 151 Computer Science I to fulfill ETS.

**Vote:** Yes 0; No 7; Abs 0. **Petition denied.** Course does not meet criteria for an ETS course. (jmscola041321)

3. Request to allow River Valley CC course MATH 106 Statistics I to fulfill QR.

**Vote:** Yes 7; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (elcola041321)

4. Request to allow UNH course MATH 539 Intro to Statistical Analysis to fulfill QR.

**Vote:** Yes 6; No 0; Abs 2. **Petition approved.** (eccolsa041421)

5. Request to allow UNH course SPAN 647 Topics in Hispanic Cultural Studies/Caribbean Cities to fulfill FPA.

**Vote:** Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (iespaul041421)

6. Request to allow UNH courses not designated as INQ to fulfill INQ due to special circumstances.

**Vote:** Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (sgceps041921)

7. Request to allow Union College courses GER 100, 101 & 102 Basic German to fulfill WC.

**Vote:** Yes 0; No 8; Abs 0. **Petition denied.** Elementary language courses do not meet criteria for WC. (cjceps041921)

8. Request to be exempt from INQ requirement due to being exempt from required INQ course in major.

**Vote:** Yes 8; No 0; Abs 0. **Petition approved.** (dnwceps041921)

9. Request to allow NHTI course CPET 107 Intro to Computer Programming to fulfill ETS.

**Vote:** Yes 7; No 1; Abs 0. **Petition approved** due to extenuating circumstances. (btbunhm042021)

### III. Discussion

Concern regarding “pathways” courses approved for majors not matching coded Discovery designations: The DC discussed the confusion regarding transfer courses approved for one Discovery designation being used as equivalent to courses in major that meet a different Discovery designation. Nicky will follow up on this issue.

Status of Discovery Review Committee (DRC) Proposal: Nicky informed the DC that the Faculty Senate has voted to create a new ad hoc committee for review of the Discovery Program. The senate will also appoint a separate committee on the addition of a diversity requirement in Discovery. Some DC members expressed concern at the “starting over” of this process, noting that whatever comes through in a new proposal will likely be very similar to the changes and enhancements in the current DRC proposal. They also expressed concern about the effect this decision will have on

students and recent alumni who put considerable time and energy into the review process and advocated for changes, particularly increased flexibility in Discovery (e.g., using upper-level courses to meet Discovery requirements) and the addition of the diversity and sustainability requirements included in the DRC proposal. Nicky will keep the DC posted on any developments.

**Meeting adjourned 2:00pm.**

Submitted by Amy M. Oliva