

Discovery Committee Minutes, Sept 22, 2021

Present (Zoom): Nicky Gullace (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Laure Barillas, Jay Colbert, Andy Colby, Tammy Conrad, Lara Demarest, Lou Ann Griswold, Greg McMahon, Dawn Meredith, Jesse Stabile Morrell, Catherine Peebles, Sarah Prescott

I. **Welcome and Announcements**

Chair Nicky Gullace called the meeting to order and welcomed the members at 12:47pm.

II. **Action Items**

- Minutes

Motion: Sarah Prescott moved and Dawn Meredith seconded approval of the minutes of the September 8, 2021 meeting. **Vote:** Yes 6; No 0; Abs 0 **Motion passed.** Minutes approved.

It was asked when the change to the Honors seminar requirement will be effective. Andy Colby advised that after the change is approved by SVPAA Ziemer, it will be effective the 2022-2023 Academic Year and go into that catalog. The Registrar's Office will work on the best way to code Degree Works.

- Student Petitions

1. Request to allow Sacred Heart University course MA 105, Math Applications for Health Sciences, to fulfill QR.

Vote: DC concurred unanimously to table the petition based on insufficient information provided. Lara will contact the student and their college to request additional documentation be submitted for review. If no documentation is received, the petition will be denied. (stchhs092221)

III. **Discussion**

- The Policies Committee of the Faculty Senate contacted Discovery requesting a report on the efficacy of online Discovery Labs with a recommendation as to eliminating the restriction permanently as stated in Senate Motion XXV-M18.
 - The DC discussed the need for a way to obtain quantifiable data on how D-Labs went during remote learning considering that currently there is no access to teaching evaluations.
 - One idea to is to create and send a Qualtrics Survey to instructors who taught online D-Labs to obtain feedback.
 - It was pointed out that there is a difference between designing a course for online delivery vs an emergency pivot. When courses are designed to be online, they can be effective.
 - Lab simulators and other resources are available online.
 - Permanently removing the restriction does not mean all D-Labs would be online.
 - A subcommittee will meet to discuss how to obtain the data needed to write the report.

Meeting adjourned 1:45pm.

Submitted by Lara Demarest