

Discovery Committee Minutes - Oct 21, 2020

Present (Zoom): Nicky Gullace (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Sajay Arthanat, Norma Bazylnski, Jay Colbert, Andy Colby, Nick Fitzgerald (SBP), Art Greenberg, Roger Grinde, Lisa MacFarlane, Greg McMahon, Alicia Medros, Amy Oliva, Catherine Peebles, Sarah Prescott, Charles Vannette

Absent: Jenny Hargenrader, Subhash Minocha, Sarah Prescott

I. Welcome and Announcements

II. Action Items

Minutes

Motion: Charles Vannette moved and Kathrine Aydelott seconded approval of the minutes of the Oct 7, 2020 meeting.

Vote: Yes 6; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.** Minutes approved.

Course and/or Program Review

COLA

1. AMST 444D (Honors) – Long-Ago Stories behind Everyday Life – HUMA/INQ/WI (*existing Discovery course being reactivated and seeking change from HP to HUMA designation.*)

Motion: Kathrine Aydelott moved and Roger Grinde seconded approval of AMST 444D (Long-Ago Stories) for HUMA.

Vote: Yes 6; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.** Course approved for HUMA.

Motion: Charles Vannette moved and Kathrine Aydelott seconded approval of AMST 444D (Long-Ago Stories) for INQ.

Vote: Yes 6; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.** Course approved for INQ.

Motion: Kathrine Aydelott moved and Jay Colbert seconded approval of AMST 444D (Long-Ago Stories) for WI. **Vote:**

Yes 6; No 0; Abs 0. **Motion passed.** Course approved for WI.

2. LLC 560 – Divine Madness & Dangerous Minds! Mental Health in Literature & Art – HUMA.INQ/WI (*new course*)

Motion: Kathrine Aydelott moved and Roger Grinde seconded approval of LLC 560 for HUMA.

Vote: Yes 6; No 0; Abs 1. **Motion passed.** Course approved for HUMA.

Motion: Greg McMahon moved and Art Greenberg seconded approval of LLC 560 for INQ.

Vote: Yes 6; No 0; Abs 1. **Motion passed.** Course approved for INQ.

Motion: Sajay Arthanat moved and Kathrine Aydelott seconded approval of LLC 560 for WI.

Vote: Yes 6; No 0; Abs 1. **Motion passed.** Course approved for WI.

Student Petitions

1. Request to allow Univ. of Alaska – Anchorage course MATH A115 Art of Mathematics to fulfill QR.

Vote: Yes 1; No 5; Abs 0. **Petition denied based on limited information presented.**

Vote: The DC voted unanimously in favor of recommending to the student they provide additional information on the course and send the petition back for re-review. Amy Oliva will contact the student and their college. (kbc01a090220)

III. Discussion

Discovery & ARTS Dept. Follow-Up – Nicky and Amy are scheduled to meet with Jennifer Moses (chair, ARTS) to discuss how the department may be able to increase Discovery course offerings, as well as the question of FPA credit for AP Studio Art: Design.

Discovery Syllabi & NECHE – Nicky informed the DC that NECHE requires certain information be included on general education syllabi. For Discovery this would include stating on the syllabus that the course is a Discovery course; the approved category and/or attributes (INQ, WI); and student learning outcomes related to the Discovery designation(s). What the Discovery office would like to do, with the DC's input, is create a checklist or maybe a template for faculty to use for Discovery courses that could be available on the Discovery website. Some DC members were concerned that this is requiring faculty to conform on a level that impedes and impacts academic freedom. There was also concern about stating on a syllabus how much time students were expected to spend on a course, particularly time spent out of the classroom. The DC would like further information on NECHE expectations. Next steps: 1) Amy and Nicky will have a preliminary meeting with Barb White (UNH Accreditation Liaison Officer, NECHE), Jennifer Lehmann (IR&A), and Kate Ziemer (SVPAA); 2) will invite Barb White to a future DC meeting.

Meeting adjourned 2:10pm. Submitted by Amy M. Oliva