

## Discovery Committee Minutes, October 31, 2018

**Present:** Nicoletta Gullace (chair), Kathrine Aydelott (vice chair), Jake Adams, Sajay Arthanat, Norma Bazylinski, Daniel Carchidi, Andy Colby, Vanessa Druskat, Valentini Kalargyrou, Gregory McMahon, Dawn Meredith, Amy Oliva, Catherine Peebles, Steve Pugh, Charles Vannette

**Absent:** Subhash Minocha

### I. Welcome and Announcements

### II. Action Items

#### Minutes:

**Motion:** Valentini Kalargyrou moved and Dawn Meredith seconded approval of the Minutes of the Oct 3, 2018 meeting.

**Vote:** Yes: 6; No: 0; Abs: 1. **Motion passed. Minutes approved.**

#### Course and/or Program Review:

##### SMSOE (School of Marine Science & Ocean Engineering)

Revised proposal for minor in Marine Policy (including new 400-level and 700/800-level courses) – Decision on the proposal was tabled at the DC meeting of 9/5/18 pending further information from the proposing faculty including: clarification regarding the number of credits and courses required for the minor; level of courses in the minor; plans for staffing the new courses; etc. The DC agreed that the revised proposal sufficiently addressed their questions and concerns.

**Motion:** Dawn Meredith moved and Charles Vannette seconded approval of the SMSOE minor in Marine Policy.

**Vote:** Yes: 7; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Motion passed. Minor in Marine Policy approved.**

##### UNHM

BUS 530 Personal Finance – QR

**Motion:** Dawn Meredith moved and Kathrine Aydelott seconded approval of BUS 530 for QR.

**Vote:** Yes: 7; No: 1; Abs: 0. **Motion passed. Course approved for QR.**

#### Student Petitions

1. Request to allow Clemson University course BIOL 2040: Environment, Energy, & Society to fulfill BS requirement instead of ETS requirement. **Vote:** Yes: 0; No: 7; Abs: 1. **Petition denied.** (rpbcolsa100418)
2. Request to allow Manchester Community College course GDES 155-A: Computer Illustration to fulfill FPA. **Vote:** Yes: 6; No: 2; Abs: 0. **Petition approved.** (kpapaul100318)
3. Request to allow Univ. of Edinburgh course ARTx08060: Reality Check to fulfill FPA. **Vote:** Yes: 8; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Petition approved.** (acppaul101618)
4. Request to allow Fitchburg State course Global Issues to fulfill WC. **Vote:** Yes: 7; No: 0; Abs: 1. **Petition approved.** (dafunhm101618)
5. Request to allow either Roger Williams course Theatre 433: Voice & Movement, **or** Theatre 110: Acting I to fulfill FPA. **Vote:** Yes: 8; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Petition approved to allow Theatre 110: Acting I to fulfill FPA.** (seccola101618)
6. Request to allow Savannah College of Art & Design course IDUS 325: Emerging Manufacturing Materials to fulfill PS. **Vote:** Yes: 0; No: 7; Abs: 1. **Petition denied.** (tccola101018)
7. Request to allow Savannah College of Art & Design course ELDS 205: Computer-aided Product Design to fulfill ETS. **Vote:** Yes: 0; No: 7; Abs: 1. **Petition denied.** (tccola101018)

### III. Discussion

Jake Adams, student body vice president and student senate representative on the DC, presented the *Fall 2017 Preliminary Report of the Task Force on the Revision of the Discovery Program*. Highlights of the preliminary report were discussed including: student concerns about inconsistencies in the delivery of ENGL 401; whether the INQ requirement could be replaced with a “needed attribute” such as “a social justice attribute, or another attribute with relevant information for the current climate of society;” a desire to allow courses to meet more than one category requirement; the idea of a cognate structure to the program that would allow students to further explore areas of interest – “quality over quantity;” desire for courses that meet requirements *and* are more relevant to a student’s major; concerns about inconsistencies in

rigor of Discovery courses overall (and within the majors); limits on, or inability to, cross-count courses; concerns about inconsistencies in capstone requirements; and more.

The DC thanked Jake for sharing the preliminary report and asked that they be able to review it further. Jake agreed. Amy will post the report in the committee's folder on Box.

**Meeting adjourned 1:30pm.**

Submitted by Amy M. Oliva  
Admin Director, Discovery Program