

## Discovery Committee Minutes, 11/15/2017 - final

**Present:** Kathrine Aydelott, Norma Bazylnski, Andy Colby, Gregory McMahon, Dawn Meredith, Subhash Minocha, Stephen Pugh (via zoom), Charles Vannette, Nicky Gullace, Amy Oliva, Devan Smith.

**Absent:** Nelson Barber (provided notes), Daniel Carchidi, Maryann Clark, Jerry Marx, Patrick Shannon.

### The Committee took the following action:

#### Minutes:

**Motion:** Dawn Meredith moved and Kathrine Aydelott seconded the approval of the Minutes from 11/01/2017.

**Vote:** Yes: 5; No: 0; Abs: 1. **Motion passed. Minutes approved.**

**Course Review:** (No courses for review)

#### Student Petitions

1. Request for CHEM-ENG 220, Chemical Engineering Principles of Biological Systems at University of Massachusetts, Amherst to fulfill BS.

**Vote:** Yes: 6; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Petition approved.** (tcceps11152017)

2. Request for PHIL 565 to fulfill HUMA due to error on advising sheet.

**Vote:** Yes: 5; No: 1; Abs: 0. **Petition approved.** (jkpaul11152017)

3. Request for FND 111, Observational Drawing taken at NH Institute of Art to fulfill FPA.

**Vote:** Yes: 6; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Petition approved.** (cjpaul11152017)

#### Other Items

*Continued Discussion of the Faculty Senate Agenda Committee Draft of the Discovery Committee Charter.*

Discussion of Agenda Committee and Discovery Committee (DC) edits of the Charter. There are differences in the way we have operated and how they would like us to. The Discovery Program has dual reporting, to the Senior Vice Provost of Academic Affairs and to the Faculty Senate (FS). The DC has always worked most closely with the Academic Affairs committee of the FS. The suggested change is that the DC shall report all decisions to the Senate's Agenda Committee. We have different views, but having clarity on this will be important.

The suggested changes also include that the DC be led by a Chair and Vice-Chair. Currently, the Faculty Director of the Discovery Program serves as the Chair of the DC, this is a faculty Chair with a committee made up of faculty. The DC suggests that this remains so with the addition of a Vice-Chair being elected from amongst the Discovery Committee. The Vice-Chair shall be empowered to appoint a temporary deputy Vice-Chair, also to be chosen from among the Discovery Committee faculty, should the elected Vice-Chair be unable to preside over a meeting where the Faculty Director is absent. The draft Charter confirms that the DC is the secondary review body for the Sustainability Dual Major, as well as the schools (e.g., Marine School, etc). The DC would like to consult with faculty experts as needed for guidance when reviewing course proposals from the schools. The DC noted that the draft Charter does not detail all of the DC duties.

The FS Agenda committee has invited Nicky Gullace to meet with them on November 27. She will update the DC at its meeting on November 29.

*Continued Discussion of the Social Identity (SI) Attribute.*

The DC continued discussion of the possibility of the SI attribute. It was noted that last year the Student Senate voted against having an additional required category or attribute. The Committee talked about other ways to deliver SI content such as: a speaker's series; reviving the Dialogue; diversity in dorms; a Civics class; a one or two credit class that functions as an intro to college and in addition to SI content includes how to be a successful student at UNH, making it comprehensive on both social issues and on training; a 4 credit class that focuses on these issues for the goal of how to interact effectively in a college environment, then also in a work environment. The discussion will be continued.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm.**

Submitted by Susan Whitcomb