Motion on allowing Discovery credit for transferred 2.5 credit courses

1. Motion presenter: Nicky Gullace, on behalf of the Discovery Committee

2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 04/15/2019, 04/29/2019

3. Rationale:

Students in immersion classes at some foreign universities and those transferring courses from institutions on the quarter system are denied Discovery credit because all quarter system course and some foreign university courses transfer at 2.5 cr, whereas the Discovery Program requires at least 3 credits in a discipline to fulfill a Discovery requirement. Students are not allowed to combine credits from more than one course to achieve the 3 credit threshold since it would be very difficult to tabulate mixed course credits in the Registrar’s Office. Students are thus frequently denied Discovery credit for courses taken abroad, courses taken in a Study Away program on the West Coast, or courses transferred from an institution on the quarter system.

4. Motion: To allow students to receive Discovery credit for courses aligning with the UNH Discovery Category Description and Student Learning Outcomes but transferred to UNH at 2.5 credits.

5. Senate action: The motion passed with 59 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

6. Senate Chair, Robert S. Smith

Forwarded to the following on May 9, 2019:

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