

Discovery Committee Minutes, February 6, 2013

Present: Bill Ross, Dan Beller-McKenna, Tom Safford, Kathie Forbes, Brian Chu, Sean Moore
(Absent: Barb White, Lisa MacFarlane, Alex Eichler, Wayne Fagerberg; Steve Pugh-votes received via email; Rosemary Caron-votes received via email; Ihab Farag-votes received via email)

Next meeting: Wednesday, FEBRUARY 20, 2013

Bill Ross chaired the meeting in Barb White's absence.

Approval of the Minutes - **Motion:** Dan Beller-McKenna moved and Brian Chu seconded approval of the Minutes of the meeting of November 28, 2012. **Vote:** 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. **Motion passed.**

The committee took the following action:

The following courses were reviewed, and/or confirmed in the categories/attributes listed:

COLA

THDA 531 – *The London Experience: Discovery* – FPA

CEPS

CS 501 - *Pathways between Mathematics and the Arts* – ETS/INQ

Student Petitions

Two UNHM student petitions for academic variance were presented and discussed. Both petitions were in regard to completion of the Capstone requirement:

MHUNHM012913 – Approved;

JHUNHM121112 – Decision tabled until further information supporting this request is received from the student and their advisor.

The Committee discussed the following:

Capstone completion - The DC plans to discuss the issue of early completion of Capstone at a future meeting. One question to discuss is whether the DC wants to consider allowing students to take their Capstone early if they have completed all of their major requirements.

Discussion of Assoc Deans' decision not to approve proposals for Discovery courses - Unless the proposing department removes another Discovery course, or the new and existing courses are offered in alternate years, colleges have put approval of Discovery courses on hold.

However, it may be that J-Term courses are outside this edict since the THDA abroad course came forward - this would need to be confirmed.

The Registrar's office provided the colleges with a report that shows which Discovery courses enroll and which do not. The colleges are working to come up with a stable number of stable courses.

Meeting adjourned 1:05pm