

## **Discovery Committee Minutes, February 12, 2014**

**Present:** Barb White, Amy Cunningham, Todd DeMitchell, William McKernan, Barbaros Celikkol, Stephanie Cheney, Dan Beller-McKenna, Steve Pugh, Wayne Fagerberg, Sandhya Shetty, Gretchen Bean, Norma Bazylnski, Sean Moore

Absent: PT Vasudevan, Bill Ross, Sanjeev Jha

### **Next meeting: Wednesday, February 26, 2014**

#### **The committee took the following action:**

**Motion:** Dan Beller-McKenna moved and Wayne Fagerberg seconded approval of the Minutes of January 29, 2014 meeting. **Vote:** yes 7, no 0, 0 abstain. **Motion passed.**

#### **Student Petitions:**

Student petitioning for University of Maine ECE 100 and ECE 101 to fulfill a portion of Discovery EE ETS requirement. An exception was made and the petition approved. Registrar's office will notify student of decision. (*rgceps12114*)

UNHM student is petitioning to take PSYC 791 as senior capstone during junior year. Petition denied. Registrar's office will notify student of decision. (*arunhm12814*)

UNHM student petitioning for ARTS 552 to fulfill Discovery FPA requirement. Petition denied. Registrar's office will notify student of decision. (*mmunhm2314*)

#### **Course Re-Review for Format (continued from January 29 meeting):**

Barb discussed the Faculty Senate motion regarding the DC's role in Discovery course reviews for format change (Motion # XVII-M12 March 18, 2013). She also clarified that COLA Associate Dean Ted Kirkpatrick has agreed to the language and process stated in the letter that Barb drafted which will be sent to Faculty as well as the Dept. Chairs of courses in question. We need to make sure we treat everyone equitably and emphasize that we are only looking at format changes for these courses.

There were questions asked regarding syllabi collection overall and how it's enforced. Barb explained that we have about 75 - 80% compliance on syllabi collection requests and that this is not just a Discovery requirement but NEASC requires it as well so it should theoretically be easy to enforce.

#### **ARTS 552/1BB, summer 2013**

Consensus was that the on-line summer syllabus differs from the original in that it doesn't currently fit the Discovery ETS category. Discovery will send a letter to the faculty and department chair with associate dean on copy.

#### **BIOL 412, summer 2013, traditional**

Consensus was that there was not enough information on the summer compressed version syllabus. Barb will send a request to the faculty and department chair for a more detailed syllabus.

#### **GEOG 401/BB, summer 2013**

Barb will send a letter to suggest that the faculty take the online course the *Fundamentals of On-line Instruction* training offered by UNH Academic Technology.

#### **GEOG 402/BB, summer 2013**

Consensus was that this online summer version meets Discovery criteria. No notification is necessary.

#### **MATH 420/BB, summer 2013**

Consensus was that this online summer version meets Discovery criteria. No notification is necessary.

## **Discussion**

### Further discussion of SI Attribute

Barb updated the committee members on the status of this project. We now have data on 2012-13 students who have taken at least one of the 72 Discovery courses that might fit the SI category. Next step is to approach faculty to see if they would be agreeable and what the pathways would be for the more constrained majors. Discovery and non-Discovery courses are both being looked at. Comments were made regarding how much of a burden this could be on students in certain majors; however Barb reiterated the rationale for why this should be required of everyone. Barb stated that we are still pulling data and just wanted to make sure the committee was updated. We will continue the review of the SI attribute description/proposal at the next meeting.

### **Did not get to:**

2014 – 2015 University Dialogue topic: Social Innovation

**Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.**

**Submitted by Alix Campbell**