

Discovery Committee Minutes, March 23, 2011

Present: Jeffry Diefendorf, Barb White, Wayne Fagerberg, Heather Barber, Kathie Forbes, Christina Caiazza, Kathie Forbes, Art Greenberg (Absent: Monica Chiu-votes received via email; Stephen Pugh, Lisa MacFarlane, Sharyn Potter, Michele Holt-Shannon, Bill Ross)

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 2011

The committee took the following action:

Motion: Wayne Fagerberg moved, Heather Barber seconded, approval of the minutes of both February 16 and March 2, 2011. **Vote:** 4 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. **Motion passed.**

The following courses were confirmed for Discovery in the category/attribute listed:

COLA

GERM 524 - WI

UNHM

HUMA 411 – *Humanities I* – INQ

The following courses were denied or tabled pending further information:

COLSA

CSL 444 – *Intro to Community Service & Leadership* – INQ/SS/WI – Already approved as CSL 401 for SS/WI. The course proposal needs to more clearly address the INQ features. **Vote:** 0 yes, 5 no, 0 abstain.

UNHM

ECN 410 – *Novelists & Economists* – HP – INQ/WI are fine. DC cannot support this for HP, but would strongly support for HUMA. Table pending further info.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Whether or not to post meeting minutes on the Discovery Program website: This could be helpful when people are evaluating transfer credits or if looking up information on the program. Amy will begin posting minutes on the Discovery website.
- MCBS 658: Review of this course was tabled at the meeting of March 2, 2011. Dean Babbitt has been out of the country so Barb has not yet spoken with her. CHEM students are permitted to take this course without the pre-req of BIOL 411. They are required to take MCBS 658. The Committee discussed depth and breadth in Discovery courses and that it was left flexible that some courses in Discovery could have pre-reqs. One solution may be to have students petition to cover the requirement as is done with 600 level language requirements. The Committee asked to see a list of Discovery courses that have pre-reqs. This will be provided prior to the next meeting, April 6th.
- Assessment: Barb reported that pilot course data is being collected; syllabi collection is underway in preparation for review; university dialogue review.
- Review of Guidelines & Requirements document: Changes per Kathie Forbes on pgs 6 & 7; Art Greenberg, pg 4 re University Dialogue – statement is confusing - an enriching experience but not a university requirement. Edits will be made and the document redistributed for discussion at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.