

Discovery Committee Minutes, April 9, 2014

Present: Barb White, Amy Cunningham, Todd DeMitchell, William McKernan, Barbaros Celikkol, Dan Carchidi, Gretchen Bean, Bill Ross, Dan Beller-McKenna, Steve Pugh, Wayne Fagerberg, Sandhya Shetty, Sean Moore

Absent: PT Vasudevan, Norma Bazylinski, Sanjeev Jha

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 23, 2014

The committee took the following action:

Motion: Wayne Fagerberg moved and Bill Ross seconded approval of Minutes of March 19, 2014 meeting with amendment (below): **Vote:** 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. **Motion Passed.**

Discussion:

Capstone Discussion:

Dr. Paul Tsang, Hamel Center Director, sent forward for committee review, a request that the Capstone timeline as stated in our policy be modified to include language that makes it clear that students who have completed their junior year and have at least 90 credits (senior year status) are eligible to apply their summer SURF Abroad, SURF USA and IROP as their capstone, with major/department faculty approval. It was agreed by all members present that these are acceptable options if taken during the summer before senior year due to the fact that students are declared seniors once they have successfully completed the prior spring semester of their junior year and have earned 90 credits or more (by May). DC members agreed that the language of the Discovery Capstone policies be adjusted to reflect: The Capstone experience is typically completed by senior students within the major and is designed to elicit opportunities for educational reflection and synthesis of knowledge and skills; however, students who have completed 90 credits at the end of their junior year may complete their Capstone the summer prior to senior year. The Capstone may be met with an approved experience (as described below). It is not necessarily a course.

UNHM

COMP 560 – *Ethics and Law in the Digital Age* – HUMA/WI – **Course approved.**

Student Petitions:

Senior at UNHM petitioning for COMP 515 to fulfill Discovery ETS requirement. Petition approved due to advising error. (*ppunhm04114*)

Student petitioning for 6 week study abroad course taken in summer 2013 be allowed to count for Discovery WC requirement even though it falls 2 weeks short of 8 week requirement. Petition approved due to advising error. (*abcola031814*)

The Committee discussed the following:

SI Attribute:

Todd and Amy discussed some of the DC's questions that the UCIEE has addressed. The DC then discussed some concerns regarding the possibility of having only "narrow" choices to offer and also the difficulty for some students in tightly prescribed majors, such as Engineering, to meet the demands of another requirement. It was clarified that this would not be an additional course requirement. Some committee members asked if an abroad experience, Students without Borders, Habitat for Humanity over spring break as well as various other experiences could be considered as meeting the SI requirement. It was decided that these could be looked at to see if they fit. The DC discussed the feasibility of this proposal so far and agreed that more information needs to be made available with regard to showing more pathways as well as further defining the attribute. There was discussion regarding some of the wording and changes were agreed upon. After some discussion it was also decided that the reflection piece be added to the proposal and re-worded to clearly reflect the intent: ***"Courses that meet the SI attribute shall reflect on the implications of the examination, engagement and discussion of***

SI.” Todd agreed to let the Faculty Senate Agenda Committee know. It was agreed upon that Todd and Barb will work together on updating the draft proposal. The Discovery Office will continue to work on feasibility over the summer. The DC will review again when they regroup in the early fall.

The DC agreed to discuss clarifying the study abroad policy at a future meeting.

ARTS 552 – follow-up on summer online course review format:

Barb updated the committee on her communications with the faculty member and feels that she is very positively bringing the course into line and so far all revisions look good. Barb will bring the revised material for this course to the next meeting.

It was decided that once a course is revised it should be brought back before the committee for a decision.

The DC was reminded that we have 2 more meetings for this semester and the final one scheduled for May 7 will be a luncheon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25pm.

Submitted by Alix Campbell