Discovery Committee Minutes, April 27, 2011

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

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Announcement of Monica Chiu’s Fulbright Award - she will be in China for the 2011-12 academic year.

The committee took the following action:
Motion: Monica Chiu moved and Art Greenberg seconded, approval of the minutes of both March 23, and April 6, 2011.
Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain. Motion passed.

COLSA
NR 403 – Intro to Environmental Science – approved for INQ

MCBS 658 – General Biochemistry – BS for CHEM students (waiving BIOL 411/412 pre-req for these students only). Best course of action may be to have CHEM students petition for BS requirement to be met by MCBS 658. There should be a motion on record that any CHEM major student petition for such would be approved. Vote: 0 yes, 6 no, 1 abstain.
Course was not approved for Discovery as proposed.

Motion: CHEM major students only may petition and receive approval to apply MCBS 658 as meeting their Discovery Biological Science (BS) requirement. The Discovery Committee also requests that should a student withdraw from the major, upon withdrawal they will be required to fulfill the BS requirement, and petitions for this be handled by the college. Vote: 6 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain. Motion passed.

NR 401 – Intro to Natural Resources – INQ – Vote: 0 yes, 6 no, 1 abstain. Course was not approved.

Transfer Courses
Due to time constraints, no action was taken on the following course. Hold for meeting of May 11, 2011:
Italy – Food Aesthetics – EcoGastronomy Program

The Committee discussed the following:
Discovery Petition: FY student, advising mistake, the group decided not to receive it. (No vote, not approved.)

University Dialogue committee membership confirmed

7 One faculty member from each college/library (one must be on the Discovery Committee)
1 Associate Dean
1 Residential life
1 Memorial Union
3 Students
Total 13

INQ On and Off Courses
Departments may not take the INQ designation on and off courses. Departments may create two similar courses with different course numbers to offer a course as INQ or not.

End of the year report
Time to restate our values for the program and INQ discussion is the perfect place to start. We no longer need emergency ad hoc implementation and now need to move forward on the programmatic principles. INQ is the biggest difference that needs to be preserved.

For our last meeting of the year we will have pizza, as requested by Wayne.
Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.