

Discovery Committee Minutes, May 2, 2012

Present: Barb White, Michele Holt-Shannon, David Richman, Wayne Fagerberg, Tom Safford, Kathie Forbes, Sean Moore, Steve Pugh, Jing Wang, Ihab Farag, Bill Ross (Absent: Dennis Britton, Lisa MacFarlane, Rosemary Caron)

Next meeting: Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

Motion: David Richman moved and Ihab Farag seconded approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 4, 2012.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. **Motion passed.**

The committee took the following action:

The following courses were reviewed for the categories/attributes listed:

COLA

FREN 631 – *Advanced Composition & Conversation I* – WC – approved. WI – Table pending further information from faculty. As this is the last meeting of the semester, the DC agreed to vote by email once further information is received.

FREN 632 – *Advanced Composition & Conversation II* – WC/WI

ARTS 574 – *Architectural History* – HP/WI

HIST 490 – *Medieval History Through Film* – HP

UNHM

PS 509 – *Political & Social Change in Developing Countries* - WC

COLSA

SAFS 410 – *A Taste of the Tropics* – WC

Student Petitions:

COLA student appeal of decisions made upon his admission to have a cluster of transfer courses from NHTI count as fulfilling his Discovery ETS requirement – Barb will contact the college. The DC does not cluster courses to meet requirements; the committee will consider one of these courses (the Genetics course) only after examining a syllabus, then will vote by email as this is the last meeting of the semester.

Is there a mechanism for guidance around writing petitions? Guidelines, etc? Anything we can do to make it clearer to faculty and students alike as to what will or will not be accepted would be great, such as encouraging the petitions provide factual information, documentation, syllabus, etc. As a committee, we will revisit this in the fall.

The Committee discussed the following:

University Dialogue Call: We are going to fewer but larger events/programs next year. The first 2 events will be dialog around the topic, then the 3rd will be a post-election conversation with Dante Scala and Andy Smith. Tom Haines will also work on the election with us. Mike Contarino at UNHM would be a good contact for this, as well, and it would be good to have Dante Scala and Andy Smith do their talk at UNHM, too.

We would also like to start collecting video on the topic which would be on our website, and maybe on Bb. THDA would probably be interested in putting something together for this. We are doing something with the Hunger Games but would like to do more. It's very timely and interesting reading with lessons of political responsibility. We don't have yet a primary faculty contact for the Hunger Games, send them to Michele.

Please encourage your colleagues to utilize the dialog topic in your classrooms, and participate in events, and more.

Maymester at Sea: The call is going out today to all faculty and hopefully we will get interested individuals. Next year it leaves from London. We will announce this course with an INCO placeholder this summer so students can plan for it.

Will you have a flier at orientation? Yes. We need to have the cost issues worked out so we can have those fliers available. Do we have sense of (DMR's question...) whether we are held to offering only one course?

It would be designed for UNH students who need INQ but other institution's students could take it, too. We got a sense from mtg with them that the short term cruise courses need to be filled.

If a new course is developed, there is plenty of time to get it ready and approved. The flier we're talking about would be to distribute at this June's orientation.

May 9th, E-UNH Sympos-e-um in Huddleston Ballroom: Forum on what e-UNH is, the direction, vision, etc. Open to all.

Meeting adjourned 1:30pm