Discovery Committee Minutes, October 2, 2013

Present: Barb White, Amy Cunningham, Stephanie Cheney, Dan Beller-McKenna, Sean Moore, Sandhya Shetty, William McKernan, Kathie Forbes, Todd DeMitchell, Barbaros Celikkol, Bill Ross, Wayne Fagerberg, Jing Wang (Absent: Gretchen Bean, PT Vasudevan, Steve Pugh (votes received via email)

Next meeting: Wednesday October 16, 2013

Motion: Todd DeMitchell moved and Barbaros Celikkol seconded, approval of the Minutes of September 18, 2013 meeting. Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. Motion passed.

The committee took the following action:
The following courses were reviewed, and/or confirmed in the categories/attributes listed:

COLA
HUMA 444D – Plague: Literary Histories of Epidemics – HUMA/INQ/WI
This course was approved for HUMA/WI.
Motion: Dan Beller-McKenna moved and Todd DeMitchell seconded, approval of this course for INQ with the stipulation that the faculty be more clear in the INQ explanation in both the syllabus and the course description. Vote: yes 6, no 0, 0 abstain. Motion passed.

WS 510 – Framing Feminism: Gender Politics in Film – HP – Course approved.

POLT 547 – Race & Justice in the Americas –WC
Motion: Bill Ross moved and Dan Beller-McKenna seconded, to table review of this course pending further information from the faculty person. Vote: yes 5, no 0, 0 abstain. Motion passed. Barb will contact the faculty.

COLSA

CEPS
ESCI 501 – Intro to Oceanography – INQ (second review)
Motion: Bill Ross moved and Dan Beller-McKenna seconded, to table review of this course pending further revision. Vote: yes 5 no 0, 1 abstain. Motion passed. Barb will meet with the faculty member.

The Committee discussed the following:

Drafted Policy on INQ TA/Instructor Training - The DC reviewed the re-drafted policy regarding repeat TA/instructor INQ Training and discussed some proposed changes made by Steve Pugh. The Discovery office will prepare a new draft and the DC will vote on this at their next meeting.

Who Teaches INQ - Barb will be sending a letter on behalf of the DC to all department chairs, associate deans, and INQ faculty, as a reminder about policy on who teaches Inquiry at UNH. This letter will only state policy confirmed by the DC in February, 2012, so no need to vote on its content. Vice Provost Vasudevan has approved of the wording of the communication.

Parameters regarding TA lab grading and Update on summer course re-review project – Tabled until next meeting due to time constraints.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.
Submitted by Alix Campbell