

Discovery Committee Minutes, October 08, 2014 FINAL

Present: Barb White, Amy Cunningham, Norma Bazylinski, Dan Beller-McKenna, Dan Carchidi, Rosemary Caron, Andy Colby, Todd DeMitchell, Willem DeVries, Wayne Fagerberg (votes received via email), Sanjeev Jha, Stephen Pugh, Bill Ross,

Absent: Barbaros Celikkol, Jerry Marx, Garrett McGlory, PT Vasudevan,

The Committee took the following action:

Minutes

Motion: Bill Ross moved and Dan Beller-McKenna seconded approval of the Minutes of the 9/24/14 meeting. **Vote:** yes 6, no 0, abstain 0. **Motion passed.**

Course Review

COLA

HUMA 450 - *The Pre-Modern Economy and the Origins of Capitalism* (HP)

Motion: Bill Ross moved and Rosemary Caron seconded to deny course as proposed for HP category. Faculty is invited to revise and resubmit this course after consulting the Instructional Design & Development team. **Vote:** yes 7, no 0, abstain 1. **Motion passed. Course denied HP Category.**

CEPS

ESCI 451 – *Earth in Film* (PS) **Stipulation(s) met, course approved.**

Student Petitions

1. Vote to affirm the opinion of the Composition Committee regarding petition brought to 9/10/14 meeting. **Petition denied.** (ffc0a080814)
2. Student petition to use HIST 505 as HP requirement. Further information reviewed after pending decision at 9/24/14 meeting. **Petition approved.** (chcolsa042414)
3. Student petition to use POLT508 taken in fall 13 to fulfill HP requirement. Misadvised. **Petition approved.** (jpceps91914)
4. Student petition to use life experience and exposure to culture at home to fulfill WC requirement. **Petition denied.** (snceps91114)
5. The Discovery Committee agreed that courses students completed during the 2013-14 Study-in-Dijon Program at the Universite de Bourgogne that are proposed as meeting their Discovery category requirements be accepted. Therefore, students concerned who intend to petition Discovery for academic variance need not do so. Amy and Norma will work with COLA to confirm that there is a mechanism in place for communicating to the Registrar's office which Dijon course(s) each student intends to use to fulfill their Discovery requirement(s). The two Dijon student petitions presented at today's meeting were approved. (bbcola091814) (tdcola100114)

The Committee discussed the following:

- Welcome Andy Colby, new Registrar
- Congratulations Todd DeMitchell on naming as Peters Professor in Education

- Welcome COLA Associate Dean Kirkpatrick. Discussion regarding the balance of Discovery courses within each College and across the University. Dean Kirkpatrick provided historical perspective on Discovery curriculum implementation and the practice COLA has used to maintain an engaging list of available Discovery Curriculum of courses. Dean Kirkpatrick was invited to attend after discussion at 9/10/14 committee meeting.
- Update re: Social Identity Attribute Proposal; Committee requests that proposal be forwarded by email to all members for final comment via email prior to next Discovery Committee meeting and before proposal is sent to the Faculty Senate.
- Update re: Honors Program Proposal; brief review of 10/1 honors proposal meeting. Discussion re: Honors 444 courses; specifically designed courses with INQ credit, possible double Discovery categories, and increased credit allowance (5 credits vs. 4).
- Discussion regarding the potential need for Discovery Committee prerequisites when reviewing course proposals that utilize an online format. Committee would like to see proposals that are mindful of the intended teaching format and would like to see evidence that the course proposal has been created in consultation with the Instructional Design & Development team.

For the next meeting:

- World Cultures requirement update
- Discovery Program 5-year Review update

**Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.
Submitted by Jane Shannon**