

## Discovery Committee Minutes, September 10, 2014

**Present:** Barb White, Amy Cunningham, Norma Bazylinski, Dan Beller-McKenna, Dan Carchidi, Rosemary Caron, Barbaros Celikkol, Todd DeMitchell, Willem DeVries, Sanjeev Jha, Jerry Marx, Stephen Pugh, Wayne Fagerberg (votes received via email)

**Absent:** PT Vasudevan, Bill Ross, Garrett McGlory

**The Committee took the following action:**

### Minutes

**Motion:** Barb White moved and Todd DeMitchell seconded approval of the Minutes of the May 7, 2014 meeting with amendment below. **Vote:** yes -3, no - 0, abstain - 2. **Motion passed.**

**Amendment:** *Steve Pugh was in attendance, but not listed.*

### Course Review

#### CEPS

ESCI 451 – *Earth in Film* (PS)

This is a new course with request for PS designation. **Motion:** Steve Pugh moved and Rosemary Caron seconded to approve with stipulation that the course syllabus identifies emphasis of scientific method and principles and states more clearly that the course meets the PS category requirements. **Vote:** yes – 6, no – 1, abstain - 1.

**Motion passed. Course approved with stipulations.**

#### PAUL/COLSA:

ECOG 685 – *Art de Vivre* – HUMA (Dijon Study Abroad Program)

Revised submission. The DC agreed that this abroad experience and set of courses as revised still does not meet the requirements for the HUMA category. **Motion:** Barb White moved and Willem DeVries seconded to approve course as HUMA. **Vote:** yes – 0, no – 8, abstain - 1. **Motion failed. Course not approved.**

### Student Petitions

1. Transfer student petitioning to have ENGL 401 replaced with ENGL 502. Registrar stated that normally ENGL 401 waivers are handled by the ENGL Department. Discovery will contact the ENGL Dept/ENGL 401 Committee. (*lfcola080814*)
2. Senior petitioning to use INBIO 101 course from KSC to meet BS requirement. Petition approved. (*ahcolsa090314*)
3. Student petitioning to have transfer course already approved for HUMA instead fulfill their HP category requirement. The DC determined that the course does not meet HP requirements. Petition denied. (*brcola090314*)
4. Student petition requesting waiver of WC category requirement based on long-term placement overseas due to employment. Petition approved. (*mkceps072914*)
5. Student petition requesting waiver of WC category requirement based on dual citizenship status and fluency in a language other than English. Petition denied. (*eycolsa090214*)

**The Committee discussed the following:**

*Student Petitions:* VPAA Vasudevan decided that student petitions regarding Discovery requirements will all be sent straight to DP office for review. Amy Cunningham and Norma Bazylinski will pre-review and present at DC meetings.

*WC Requirement Waiver Criteria:* The Registrar forwarded a student inquiry (not petition) regarding US Military service in a foreign country or US Territory meeting the WC requirement. The DC discussed the fact that during Gen Ed military service was not seen as meeting the requirements of what was then called the Foreign Culture requirement, and the same should hold for Discovery WC. However, they considered that there may be certain types of military service roles where the requirements of WC could possibly be met. Barb suggested that the DC review the 2010 recommended policy re WC waivers and discuss at the next meeting, 9/24/14. Also for discussion will be publishing the WC recommended waiver policy on the DP website. The 2010 recommended policy will be sent to DC members.

*SI Package:* This is ready to go to committee. Amy will send to the DC for review in preparation for discussion at the next DC meeting, 9/24/14.

**For the next meeting:**

- Review of recommended policy for World Cultures requirement waivers.
- Review SI package and request approval to forward to Faculty Senate.
- Update on DP 5-year program review.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.**

**Submitted by Jane Shannon**