

Discovery Committee Minutes, May 4, 2016 - FINAL

Present: Nelson Barber, Norma Bazylinski, Andy Colby, Todd DeMitchell, Bill DeVries, Wayne Fagerberg, Piero Garofalo, Jerry Marx, Amy Oliva, Justin Poisson, Stephen Pugh, Barb White

Absent: Kathrine Aydelott, Dan Carchidi, J. Matthew Davis, Mary Rhiel

The Committee took the following action:

Minutes

Motion: Bill DeVries moved and Piero Garofalo seconded approval of Minutes from 4/20/16.

Vote: Yes: 5; No: 0; Abs: 2. **Motion passed. Minutes approved.**

Committee Membership

In Fall 2016, the Discovery Committee will experience a lot of transition as some members are completing their terms and new members will be added. The current committee members will have to help the new members with the background/understanding of some of the topics that have been discussed and that will come up again in the fall, like the World Cultures category review and Fine and Performing Arts. The faculty senate made recommendations on the Discovery 5 year review. There will be no change in Discovery categories. The committee's role will not change substantially, except that the committee will be charged with monitoring faculty who teach inquiry courses and monitoring syllabi for Discovery category courses.

Course Review

COLA

HIST 440D –*Citizens and Persons* – HP

Motion: Wayne Fagerberg moved and Bill DeVries seconded approval of course as proposed for HP category.

Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Motion passed. HP Category approved.**

LLC 535 – *Professional Culture in the European Union – Case Study: Germany* – WC

Motion: Bill DeVries moved and Jerry Marx seconded approval of course as proposed for WC category.

Vote: Yes: 7; No: 0; Abs: 1. **Motion passed. WC Category approved.**

Student Petitions

1. Petition to allow transfer course CAN 422: Cuisine and Culture from Thompson School of Applied Science to satisfy Discovery WC requirement. (cccolsa04012016)
Vote: Yes: 1; No: 6; Abs: 1. Petition denied.
2. Petition to allow high school course to count as HP instead of Humanities Discovery credit. (cdcolsa04212016)
Vote: Yes: 0; No: 6; Abs: 2. Petition denied.
3. Petition to allow ARTS 552 – Intro to digital photography to satisfy Discovery FPA requirement. (ebceps04202016)
Vote: Yes: 0; No: 7; Abs: 1. Petition denied.
4. Petition to allow HIST 678 Roman Empire to satisfy Discovery HP credit. (hwceps05012016)
Vote: Yes: 0; No: 8; Abs: 0. Petition denied.
5. Petition to allow Tropical Ecology course from Keene State to satisfy Discovery BS with DLAB requirement. (jhc0la04272016)
Vote: Committee unanimously agreed to table petition until a syllabus is received and can be reviewed. Petition tabled.

Petition to allow Quantitative Decision Making course from Keene State to satisfy Discovery QR requirement. (jhcola04272016)

Vote: Committee unanimously agreed to table petition until a syllabus is received and can be reviewed. Petition tabled.

6. Petition to allow courses taken at Massachusetts Maritime Academy to satisfy ECE 401 requirement. (mkceps04252016)

VOTE: Yes: 7; No: 0; Abs: 1. Petition approved.

7. Petition to allow 4 week trip to the Philippines to fulfill Discovery WC requirement. (rchhs04212016)

Vote: Yes: 0; No: 8; Abs: 0. Petition denied.

8. Petition to allow ENVM 3115 Climate Change and Environmental Planning taken in Australia to satisfy Discovery INQ requirement. (rf04202016)

Vote: Yes: 0; No: 7; Abs: 0. Petition denied.

Motion: Bill Devries moved and Nelson Barber seconded to reconsider 1st petition to allow PBIO 412 to fulfill Discovery INQ requirement due to misadvising which was denied at the April 6, 2016 Discovery Committee meeting because of new evidence showing advisor error. (rfcolsa03302016)

Vote: Yes: 7; No: 0; Abs: 0. Petition approved.

9. Petition to allow IT609 to satisfy Discovery INQ requirement. (syceps04212016)

Vote: Yes: 0; No: 7; Abs: 1. Petition denied.

10. Petition to allow military experience to satisfy Discovery WC requirement. (atunhm04132016)

Vote: Yes: 1; No: 6; Abs: 0. Petition denied.

11. 2nd Petition to allow study abroad with the Energy Tomorrow Program in Australia to satisfy Discovery WC requirement.

(jkceps05042016)

Vote: Yes: 0; No: 7; Abs: 0. Petition denied.

Other Items

May 18, 2016 will be the last meeting of the semester and will include lunch. Please let us know if anyone has any dietary restrictions.

Meeting adjourned at 1:46.

Submitted by Renate Jurden