

Discovery Committee Minutes, Sept 23, 2015 - FINAL

Present: Barb White, Amy Oliva (Cunningham), Katherine Aydelott, Norma Bazylinski, Thomas Birch, Rosemary Caron, Andy Colby, Cameron Cook, J. Matthew Davis, Jason Sokol, Gregory McMahon, Jerry Marx

Absent: Todd DeMitchell, Wayne Fagerberg, Ryan Grogan, Valentini Kalargyrou, Mary Rhiel

Introductions

Cameron Cook, sitting in for Ryan Grogan as the student body rep was introduced.

The Committee took the following action:

Minutes

Motion: Katherine Aydelott moved and Rosemary Caron seconded approval of Minutes for meeting dated 9-9-15.

Vote: Yes: 7; No: 0; Abs: 0. **Motion passed. Minutes approved.**

The Committee discussed the following:

- Update on BIOL 412 (Evolution, Biodiversity, and Ecology)
 - In April 2013 the Discovery Committee voted to keep BIOL 412 in pilot status for an additional two years. BIOL 412 is structured as a large lecture course with small labs. The small labs are designed to meet INQ measures. The CETL assessment report from August 2015 indicated that BIOL 412 is now meeting the benchmark standard of 4.00 on the five Inquiry rating questions
- Motion:** Barb White moved and Rosemary Caron seconded to remove pilot Inquiry status for BIOL 412 with two stipulations. Stipulations on full Inquiry (INQ) approval require that: a) the TA training conducted by CETL continue, or that BIOL submit evidence of TA training to the Discovery Committee; and b) the INQ assessment continues in the form of the 5 additional questions asked of students in the Teaching Evaluation Form at the end of the semester. Please note that this assessment task is required of all INQ courses. **Vote:** 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abs. **Motion passed.**

Student Petitions

1. Petition to allow ANTH 680 to fulfill WC requirement. Historically, if a UNH course is not a Discovery course the committee will not allow it to fulfill a Discovery category. **Vote:** 0 yes; 6 no; 1 abs. **Petition denied.** (rcchhsdate)
2. Petition to allow Art History course taken in Dijon France to fulfill FPA requirement.
Motion: Table decision until we obtain more information from advisor.
Vote: 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abs. **Petition tabled.** (tbcepscola09012015)
3. Petition to allow PSYCH 705 (Manchester) to count as capstone credit. Capstones are usually completed after having 90 credits. This student currently has 89 credits and is one credit short of the 90 credits needed to take a capstone.
Vote: 6 yes; 0 abs; 0 no. **Petition approved.** (mbunhm091115)

Other Items

Update on the 5 year review process. The report is currently with Academic Affairs. David Richman and Barb White met with them on Monday September 21, 2015. There were a few questions for UNH-Manchester but generally it's going well overall. We are still unsure when it will get on the full senate agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 1:12.

Submitted by Renate Jurden