

Discovery Committee Minutes, Sept 9, 2015 - Final

Present: Barb White, Amy Oliva (Cunningham), Katherine Aydelott, Norma Bazylinski, Thomas Birch, Rosemary Caron, Andy Colby, J. Matthew Davis, Wayne Fagerberg (by email), Jason Sokol, Ryan Grogan, Gregory McMahon

Absent: Jerry Marx, Todd DeMitchell, Mary Rhiel

Introductions

The Committee members introduced themselves. New members were welcomed.

Writing Committee Representative

The Writing Committee is asking for a Discovery Committee (DC) rep to that ~~someone to sit on the~~ committee as the former DC rep's term has ended. The Writing Committee reviews all courses that are designated as writing intensive (WI). Katherine Aydelott agreed to be the DC rep to the Writing Committee.

The Committee took the following action:

Minutes

Motion: Rosemary Caron moved and Katherine Aydelott seconded approval of Minutes for meeting dated 5.13.15.

Vote: Yes: 2; No: 0; Abs: 3. **Motion passed. Minutes approved.**

Course Review

CEPS

CS 414 – *From Problems to Algorithms to Programs* (QR)

Motion: Rosemary Caron moved and Gregory McMahon seconded approval of course as proposed for QR category.

Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0; Abs: 1. **Motion passed.**

COLA

PORT 503 – *Intermediate Portuguese I* (WC)

Motion: Rosemary Caron moved and Gregory McMahon seconded approval of course proposed for WC category.

This is effective as of the current semester, fall 2015.

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

Transfer Course

AMST 101: Myths & Paradoxes from William Smith College for HP. **Vote:** 0 yes, 5 no, 1 abs – course denied for HP. The DC voted that the course more appropriately fits Discovery Humanities (HUMA) category. **Vote:** 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abs. Course approved for HUMA.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Update on 5 year review
 - The Discovery Review Committee has completed the 5 year review report and it's in hands of the Agenda Committee in the Senate. Over the course of the semester the review committee will be available to answer questions the Agenda Committee may have.
 - The Review Committee has recommended that the Discovery Committee be more vigilant about monitoring any changes within Discovery courses, to include any faculty changes or any alterations to the courses themselves. This it to ensure the integrity and quality of the courses.
 - We may be asked to strengthen/clarify category descriptions.
 - We hope the Agenda Committee review will be completed sometime in the spring semester.

- Goals for the year
 - The biggest goal other than the 5 year review is to revise the website. During the 5 year review, it became clear that many students and faculty colleagues don't understand the Discovery Program or its purpose. We have started a website revision and invite everyone to a look at the website.

Student Petitions

1. Petition to waive WC requirement based on military experience overseas and integrating with the culture. **Vote:** 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abs. **Petition approved.** (bfcola081015)
2. Petition to waive WC requirement based on living in Germany from birth through high school. **Vote:** 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abs. **Petition approved.** (pmceps082015)
3. Petition to allow Manchester Community College course HIST 203 to fulfill HP requirement. **Vote:** 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abs. **Petition approved.** (amchhs042115)
4. Petition to allow Salve Regina University course ART 261 digital photography to fulfill ETS requirement. **Vote:** 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abs. **Petition approved.** (hvcola083115)
5. Petition to waive WC requirement based on growing up in Europe until coming to UNH. **Vote:** 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abs. **Petition approved.** (awCEPS090315)
6. Petition to use History of Musical Theater course from Syracuse as HP requirement. **Vote:** 0 yes; 5 no; 0 abs. **Petition denied.** (jkCOLSA083115)
7. Petition to use transfer course from Eckerd College fulfill WC requirement. **Vote:** 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abs. **Petition approved.** (slcolsa090815)

Meeting adjourned at 1:37.
Submitted by Renate Jurden