

Discovery Committee Minutes, October 9, 2024 (Zoom)

Present: Nicky Gullace (chair), Sachiko Akiyama, Chris Bauer, Lara Demarest, Meaghan Dittrich, Roger Grinde, Greg McMahon, Catherine Pebbles, Wendy Pothier, Forrest Schwartz, Dina Rathke, Rachel Rowley

Absent: Tammy Conrad, Maeve Dion, Lisa MacFarlane, Timothy Montminy, Laura Upham

I. Welcome and Announcements

- Music Ensemble FPA motion: The Faculty Senate approved the motion at its 9/30/24 meeting. It will be coded into Degree Works for the 25-26 academic year. Students who want it before then will need to petition. A streamlined petitioning process will be developed. One suggestion is for students to email Lara who will verify the student satisfied the requirement and then forward the list of students to the RO. A plan to alert students about this new option also needs to be developed. Dina, our Student Senate Rep, will consult with the Student Senate and get back to us if they have suggestions.
- IDEA requirement: The Registrar's Office reports there is not enough time to implement the diversity requirement for fall 2025 and has proposed pushing it to fall 2027. The explanation is that given the number of seats that need to be available, there is not enough time to solicit courses, approve them, and code everything for F25 as the RO is overwhelmed with Workday. Nicky is in communication with SVPAA Ziemer and the RO and will report back. Perhaps a F26 implementation will be achievable. In the meantime, hopefully courses will start coming in for approval soon so seats can be stockpiled.

II. Action Items

- Minutes

Motion: Chris Bauer moved and Roger Grinde seconded approval of the September 25, 2024, meeting minutes.
Vote: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 0. **Minutes approved.**
- Student Petitions
 1. Request to allow AP 2D Art & Design to satisfy FPA. This was a resubmission of a previously tabled petition.
Vote: Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 0. **Petition approved.** (rbcolsa091724)
 2. Request to allow UNH course MEFB 403: Investigative Marine Biology Lab to satisfy INQ
Vote: Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 0. **Petition approved.** (kjcolsa092724)
 3. Request to allow UNH course ANTH 610: Medical Anthropology to satisfy HUMA. This was an Honors Flex petition.
Vote: Yes 3, No 2, Abstain 2. **Petition approved.** (kmcolsa093024)
Note: Initial vote ended in a tie. Per Discovery's Charter, the Faculty Director voted to break the tie.
 4. Request to allow study abroad course INCO 68652: Focus on Swedish & Scandinavian Film to satisfy FPA.
Vote: Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 0. **Petition approved.** (sgcola100224)
 5. Request to allow UNH course GEOG 670: Climate & Society to satisfy ETS
Vote: Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 0. **Petition approved.** (qccola101624)
- Course Approvals
 1. ANTH 527: Humanities and Religion – WC/WI (new course to be cross-listed with HUMA 527)
Motion: Chris Bauer moved and Greg McMahon seconded the approval of ANTH 527 for WC
Vote: Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 0. **Course approved for WC.**
Motion: Greg McMahon moved and Chris Bauer seconded the approval of ANTH 527 for WI
Vote: Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 0. **Course approved for WI.**

III. Discussion

- Previously the DC discussed allowing THDA 487: History of Dance to satisfy either FPA or HP, (not both). Does the committee want to pursue more courses that could be approved for more than category and allow students to choose which one they would like satisfied? Or should the DC wait until the outcome of the ad-hoc Discovery [Review] Committee is known? Concern about pre-empting their work was expressed. This would be a smaller change that the Senate has indicated they would like to happen in the event a new gen ed curriculum does not pass. Concern was expressed that the RO would not be able to implement any curriculum changes given the workload concerns previously discussed. Nicky will talk to the RO and to the APC and report back to the DC.

Next Meeting October 23, 2024

Meeting adjourned 1:42 pm