

Discovery Committee Minutes, September 25, 2024 (Zoom)

Present: Nicky Gullace (chair), Sachiko Akiyama, Chris Bauer, Lara Demarest, Maeve Dion, Meaghan Dittrich, Roger Grinde, Lisa MacFarlane, Greg McMahon, Timothy Montminy, Catherine Pebbles, Wendy Pothier, Laura Upham, Forrest Schwartz

Absent: Tammy Conrad, Dina Rathke

I. Welcome and Announcements

Tim successfully presented the Music Ensemble motion to the Faculty Senate on 9/16. The final vote on the motion is scheduled for 9/30.

Co-chairs of the ad hoc Discovery [Review] Committee are making proposal presentations to the Faculty Senate and are gathering more feedback.

II. Action Items

- Minutes

Motion: Sachiko Akiyama moved and Timothy Montminy seconded approval of the September 11, 2024, meeting minutes.

Vote: Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 2. **Minutes approved.**

- Student Petitions

1. Request to allow UNH course AMST 444C:H01 Picturing America to satisfy WC.

Petition tabled by unanimous consent (spceps090324.1)

As AMST 444C currently satisfies FPA. It is unclear if the student is requesting the course to double count or fulfill a different category. Lara will seek clarification.

2. Request to allow UNH course JUST 401: Intro to Justice Studies to satisfy HP

Vote: Yes 0, No 8, Abstain 0. **Petition denied.** (spceps090324.2)

3. Request to allow Providence College transfer course DWC 201: Development of Western Civilization to satisfy WC.

Vote: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 1. **Petition approved.** (sbcolsa091124)

4. Request to allow UNH course INCO 795: Cybersecurity to satisfy ETS

Vote: Yes 8, No 0, Abstain 0. **Petition approved.** (mdcola091224)

5. Request to allow AP 2D Art & Design to satisfy FPA

Petition tabled by unanimous consent (rbcolsa091724)

Syllabus submitted indicates the course was Photography. Clarification will be requested.

6. Request to allow Nashua Community College transfer course ENGL 250N: Advanced Creative Writing to satisfy FPA.

Vote: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 1. **Petition approved.** (ctceps090724)

- Course Approvals

1. BSCI 421: Diseases of the 21st Century – BS (reactivating course)

Vote: Yes 8, No 0, Abstain 0. **Course approved.**

Lara will communicate that the syllabus needs to be brought into compliance.

2. HMP 540: Statistics for Health Professionals – QR (changing course prefix from HHS to HMP)

Vote: Yes 8, No 0, Abstain 0. **Course approved.**

- Election of Vice-Chair

A new vice-chair to serve as chair in Nicky's absence, needs to be elected.

Motion: Greg McMahon moved and Forrest Schwartz seconded the nomination of Tim Montminy to serve as Vice-Chair of the Discovery Committee.

Vote: Yes 8, No 0, Abstain 0

III. Discussion

- Tim brought up an issue he experienced with DegreeWorks. He had a student who completed HIST 532: Modern Latin America, which is coded as WI in the Time and Room and the Course Catalog. However, this was not reflected in the student's DegreeWorks record and he wondered who the best person would be to contact. Meaghan offered to reach out Melina Elwy at the Registrar's Office. Laura Upham also offered to look into it and offered to be a contact person for future questions.

- Meaghan is hoping to pilot a new grammar checking program that is similar to Grammarly. The pilot would be with one course taught by Professor David Bachrach. If the pilot is successful, the program may be made available to students at no cost as it is included in the Microsoft Office Suite. It was noted that Grammarly is not free except at a very basic level.

Next Meeting October 9, 2024

Meeting adjourned 1:45 pm