

Self-Determined Major Committee 2020–2021 Annual Report

Function:

The Self-Determined Major Committee acts for the faculty in overseeing the Self-Determined Major (SDM) Program by setting the academic criteria and procedures required of self-determined majors.

Meetings

The Self-Determined Major (SDM) Committee met twenty-three times, on a weekly basis during the 2020-2021 academic year, eleven meetings in the fall and twelve meetings in the spring. Minutes of the SDM Committee meetings are saved in the SDM folder on NetShare.

Regular SDMBusiness

The Committee carried out its charge of evaluating and approving proposals, including final project proposals for self-determined majors:

- x Approved 3 new SDMs for the class of 2022
- x Approved 10 new SDMs for the class of 2021 and 1 approval pending a 2nd advisor)
- x Approved 2 final project proposals for the class of 2021.
- x Approved 3 final project proposals for the class of 2022, completing projects in fall '21.

The Committee completed other work related to the functioning of the program, including:

- x Revised the SDM website;
- x Created an SDM email address for submission of documents primarily by students: sdm@skidmore.edu
- x Mapped SDM learning goals to that of the college's goals for student learning
- x Began an assessment project regarding the annotated bibliography portion of the final project proposal of SDM seniors;
- x Submitted Coda course proposal (SDM assigned by Dave DeConforto) (formerly ID 351A) to the Curriculum Committee;
- x Requested the College find sponsorship of a prize to be awarded during Honors Convocation that recognizes the achievements of worthy SDM seniors.

Other Business

