

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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

