# Attendees

Members Present: M. DeDonno, B. McConnell, T. Hindle, A. Smith

Others Present: P. Sampedro, T. Baker, J. Earles and D. Baronas-Lowell

# Minutes

* August 30th meeting minutes approved

# Courses proposed for RI Designation

* **Diane Baronas-Lowell BSC 1005L Life Science Lab**. D. Lowell explained this course, a Life Science Lab for non-STEAM majors. This course is part of the Small World initiative, and was created at Yale University in 2012, 185 schools around the world are part of this program. This course has 900 students, 300 per faculty. The lab has 30 sections D. Lowell is in charge of eight sections; the main point of the course is to introduce real life research and increase students’ critical thinking skills. Students will gather and analyze soil samples from different locations, the Lab is research focused on the discovery of new antibiotics from soil bacteria.

Motion to recommend the course for RI designation by T. Hindle and M. DeDonno. The URCC committee positively recommended the course for RI designation, pending the following changes:

* + Change the New Course proposal form for the one created Summer 2017 (<http://www.fau.edu/academic/registrar/UUPCinfo/NewCourseUG.pdf>), add minimum qualifications to teach the course, Grad student, masters, etc., update the Course Description to be more detailed and obtain signatures through the College.
	+ Syllabus, add language to topics on the lab schedule to align with SLO’s

Rationale for Research question on first lecture, on January 29, add decision process, update the Course Description to be more detailed.

* Change language on Disability Policy Statement (<http://www.fau.edu/newsdesk/whats-happening/student-sccessibility-services.php>) as follows:

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA), students who require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to properly execute coursework must register with Student Accessibility Services (SAS) — in Boca Raton, SU 133 (561-297-3880); in Davie, LA 203 (954-236-1222); or in Jupiter, SR 117 (561-799-8585*

* P.S will email D. Lowell the committee recommendations after the meeting.
* **Julie Earles PSY 3213 Honors Research Method in Psychology –** J. Earles explained that students would examine the different ways in which psychologist design and conduct research. How to formulate a good testable hypothesis and design ethical experiments to test these hypotheses. Students will write a research paper using the American Psychological Assoc. format, and will give oral and poster presentations.
* B. McConnell questioned if the students will be able to become proficient in the use of SPSS as mentioned in point 4 of the course objectives, and JE confirmed that Honors students are familiar with these statistical techniques and will become proficient.
* M. DeDonno, how to do Lit. review, JE students do that the first day

The committee unanimously recommended the course for RI designation.

# Update on Courses proposed for RI designation

• A. Smith communicate that all issues regarding Elizabeth Gillespie GEB 3213 RI Communications Business Information were resolved, the Chair from WAAC will sent a letter to UUPC.

AS suggested that all RI courses should finalized the approval process by the college, before be sent to URCC for consideration.

# Update on DIR Courses from CDSI, SCI and other Colleges

* TH, SCI DIR courses in Biology and Physics still in process
* BC, A&L still working on DIR courses
* DM was not able to attend the meeting due to a presentation with the City of Delray.

# Other

* Committee members decided that the RI designation application process should be review on the next meeting of November 1, 2017.

# Meeting Adjourn

* Meeting adjourn at 1:55 pm.