# Academic Programs Subcommittee Meeting Minutes November 23, 2021

**Voting members present:** Jennifer Church-Duran, Jennifer Donahue, Melissa Goldsmith, Kelly Leslie (arrived after item II), Shujuan Li, Todd Lutes (left before item III.D), Lisa Rezende, Suzie Weisband

**Non-voting members present:** Liz Sandoval, Melanie Madden, Molly Bolger, Laird Close, Darin Knapp, Lance Erickson, Judd Ruggill, Todd Vanderah, Kim Jones, Shelley McMahon

**Voting members absent:** Sydney Mathis, Holly Nelson

1. Suzie Weisband called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM with a quorum of 7 voting members.
2. Approval of [October 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes](https://academicadmin.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/APS_Minutes_10262021_0.docx)

Melissa made a motion to approve minutes. Lisa seconded. Motion carried with 7 yes votes.

1. New Action Items
	1. Substantial Change UG Minor in Astrobiology

Todd made a motion to approve. Jennifer D. seconded. Motion carried with 8 yes votes.

B. Substantial Change BS in Retailing and Consumer Science

Jennifer D. made a motion to approve. Lisa seconded. Motion carried with 8 yes votes.

C. Substantial Change UG Minor in Retailing and Consumer Science

Lisa made a motion to approve. Shujuan seconded. Motion carried with 8 yes votes.

D. New Emphasis for BA in Applied Humanities: Emphasis in Medicine

Shujuan made a motion to approve. Jennifer C. seconded. Motion carried with 7 yes votes

E. New Emphasis for BA in Applied Humanities: Emphasis in Plant Studies

Jennifer D. made a motion to approve. Lisa seconded. Motion carried with 7 yes votes.

1. Discussion Item: Requested supplemental letters of support for the JEDI Minor.
* SBS has provided letters of support from Ivy Banks, Associate Vice Provost, Diversity and Inclusion, as well as most departments outside SBS offering courses through the minor. Two courses in Disability Studies have been added from College of Education. JEDI Certificate is still pending revisions to increase the focus.
* Letter from dept of PSY still pending.
* College of Public Health and Medicine may also need to provide letters; their classes have been listed as belonging to College of Science on the proposal.
* College of Law’s letter only mentions two classes, but should include LAW 360, Visualizing Justice.
* Concerns expressed that the minor remains too broad with only one core course and dozens of electives from many disciplines to choose from.
* Suggested changes to increase focus for minor:
	+ Add a second core course (or small set of courses to choose from) aligned with the minor’s expected learning outcomes.
	+ Categorize elective options to help guide students’ course selection.
* Committee chairs will meet with JEDI minor proposers to relay these concerns.
* If a resolution can be reached, either by changes to the minor or a with an additional programmatic/pedagogical justification for the broad-based approach, this will be communicated to the Programs Subcommittee with an e-vote requesting approval to add the JEDI minor to the consent agenda of the Dec. 7 UGC meeting.
1. Meeting Adjourned at 5:14 pm

*Respectfully prepared by Melanie Madden*