Chair Amiel called the meeting to order at 1:03pm in Waterman 327.

I. Approval of November Minutes.
The minutes of December 12, 2017 were approved as written.

II. Leaf Program, Karen Nordstrom.

The Landscape Ecology, Agriculture, and Food Program (LEAF) brings together 14 first-year students from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) to form an active learning community. LEAF is one of four nested programs for first year students within Sustainability House.

As part of Sustainability House, LEAF students will participate in all the activities that members of the larger community enjoy. These activities include:
• experiential and hands-on activities that build skills, connect to shared values, and develop a sense of community and place at UVM

• complex- and community-wide events, including an annual Harvest Celebration

• explorations of sustainability topics through field trips, workshops, independent studies, and service projects

In addition, LEAF students enroll in CALS 096, a one-credit fall course designed to provide students the opportunity to collaborate with a small group of their peers, while capitalizing on the diverse range of interests and disciplines included within CALS. If you see yourself as an active player in creating a sustainable future, through cultivating and expanding your interests and skills, you are encouraged to apply to be a member of the CALS-LEAF community.

The sustainability requirement is not a credit based requirement. A program such as LEAF could easily be used for students to get their SU designation if they include the SLO. The SCRC would need to come up with a process of evaluating these programs and how the students would prove they have mastered the learning outcomes.

Karen will work with Laura Hill to develop a proposal for CALS 96.

III. Subcommittee Updates

1. Experiential. Mary Lou, Simon and Laura will set up a meeting to discuss experiential pathways. They will report back to the SCRC at a future meeting. Key will join the subcommittee to add a student perspective.

2. Transfer Applications. Eyal and Marilyn reviewed two requests last semester. Both requests were very well written and both were approved.

IV. Course Review

1. PBIO 133, How Plants Can Save the World

Eyal Amiel motioned to approve the proposal, Julia Pedrial seconded the motion.

Approve: 9  Oppose 0  Abstain 0

PBIO 133 (How Plants Can Save the World) is approved.
2. MMG002, Unseen Worlds: Microbes and You

Laura Hill motioned to approve the proposal, Eyal Amiel seconded the motion.

Approve: 10  Oppose 0  Abstain 0

MMG002 (Unseen Worlds: Microbes and You) is approved.

3. ENGS 040, Topics in Science Fiction and Fantasy

Ann Hazelrigg motioned to approve the proposal, Marilyn Lucas seconded the motion.

Approve: 10  Oppose 0  Abstain 0

ENGS 040 (Topics in Science Fiction and Fantasy) is approved.

4. BSAD 263: Environmental & Social Reporting

Ann Hazelrigg motioned to approve the proposal, Mary Louise Kete seconded the motion.

Approve: 10  Oppose 0  Abstain 0

BSAD 263 (Environmental & Social Reporting) is approved

V. Chairs Report. Laura will report on the sustainability webinar at the next meeting.

VI. Other Business:

1. Student data on completion of SU courses.

Laura will send an e-mail to the committee that includes three questions used to get data on student SU completion. Members are encouraged to get this data from their colleges.

2. Special Topics in English

Eyal and Laura will meet with Mary Louise to see if this is feasible for both the SCRC and for the English department.

*Chair approved involvement

The meeting adjourned at 2:27pm.
The next meeting will be on February 21, 2018 from 8:30-10:00 in 327 Waterman