

**EPC Minutes
April 8, 2021**

In attendance: Susan Bosworth, Magali Compan, John Donahue, Joshua Erlich, Larry Evans, Jonathan Glasser, Matt Haug, Alex Johnson, Michael Kordosky, Rachel Li, Tom Linneman, Sallie Marchello, Elizabeth Mead, Cory Springer, Nori Thurman, Kristin Wustholz

Visiting: Peggy Agouris (Provost)

Minutes from April 2, 2021 were approved.

Consent Calendar

BIOL 413 - Plant Diversity and Identification

Course change

BIOL 413L - Plant Diversity and Identification Laboratory

Course change

Judaic Studies - Judaic Studies

Curriculum change

Approved.

Discussion of Pass/Fail policy with Provost Agouris

The provost spoke with the committee about her rationale behind the Spring pass/fail policy in light of recent calls by students/parents/alumni for a more-flexible policy this semester during the COVID-19 pandemic. She suggested that a task force be created to consider the policy in the long term, but explained why she has concluded that it is not in students' best interest to have a more-flexible policy this semester (most importantly because less-senior students are likely not aware of the long-term negative implications in many cases of a P versus a B on the record.) One possibility for a long-term policy is to allow students to replace a grade with a P in their senior year, but she wanted the task force to consider the best policy.

Committee members expressed gratitude for the interest in reconsidering the P/F policy in the long term, and for the decision to postpone the withdrawal deadline this semester, but also emphasized that students remain stressed and overburdened this semester and still desire greater relief.