ASCC Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee

Approved Minutes

Tuesday, October 24th, 2023 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

CarmenZoom

**Attendees**: Dwyer, McKean, Nathanson, Neff, Raadschelders, Steele, Valle, Vankeerbergen, Xiao

**Agenda:**

1. Approval of 10-5-23 minutes
   1. Raadschelders, McKean; unanimously approved.
2. Political Science 2110 (new course requesting GEN Theme Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World and 100% DL)
   1. **Contingency:** The Subcommittee understands that one of the three required hours will come from recorded video lectures, and that a second hour will come from instructor/student interaction in the online discussion forums. However, the Subcommittee is unclear about the final (3rd) weekly hour of direct instruction. While the Subcommittee acknowledges that this hour *could* also come from the discussion posts if the amount of posting by students and/or the instructor response/interaction is exceptionally robust, this is not easily discernable in the syllabus. If the third hour does indeed come from the discussion posts, the Subcommittee asks that the department provide more information about the length and depth of the students’ posts/responses to their classmates and the level of interaction with the posts that will be sustained by the instructor. If the third hour comes from other activities or additional lectures, the subcommittee asks that the department provide more information about those activities.
   2. **Contingency:** The Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee recently updated the list of required syllabus statements for all syllabi to include a new statement on religious accommodations. This new, required statement is a result of a directive by the Executive Vice President and Provost and can be found here on the [ASC Curriculum and Assessment Services website.](https://asccas.osu.edu/submission/development/submission-materials/syllabus-elements) The Subcommittee thanks you for replacing the Religious Accommodations current statement on pg. 23 of the syllabus with this new statement.
   3. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the unit use the most recent version of the Student Life Disability Services Statement (syllabus, pg. 22), which was updated to reflect the university’s new COVID-19 policies in August 2023. The updated statement can be found in an easy-to-copy/paste format on the [Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Assessment Services website](https://asccas.osu.edu/submission/development/submission-materials/syllabus-elements).
   4. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department clarify whether students will be required to turn in a midterm and final *paper* (as noted in the chart on pg. 11 of the syllabus) or if they will be required to complete a midterm and final *exam* as noted on pg. 15-16 of the syllabus.
   5. Note: The Subcommittee offers the friendly observation that the Curriculum Map for the World Politics BA was submitted, but it appears that this American politics course does not count toward that major. If this assumption is incorrect, the Subcommittee recommends that the department add Political Science 2110 to the World Politics major. However, if the assumption is correct, they note that future submissions need only include updated curriculum maps for the programs that could include the proposed new course.
   6. Dwyer, Xiao; unanimously approved with **two contingencies** (in bold above), *two recommendations* (in italics above) and one comment.
3. Revision Doctor of Audiology
   1. Dwyer, Raadschelders; unanimously approved.
4. ASC 2001 (new course)
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   2. *Recommendation*: The reviewing faculty recommend that the unit use the most recent version of the Mental Health Statement (syllabus, pg. 9), as the name and phone number of the Suicide/Crisis hotline have changed. The updated statement can be found in an easy-to-copy/paste format on the [ASCCAS website.](https://asccas.osu.edu/submission/development/submission-materials/syllabus-elements)
   3. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the unit use the most recent version of the Student Life Disability Services Statement (syllabus, pg. 10), which was updated to reflect the university’s new COVID-19 policies in August 2023. The updated statement can be found in an easy-to-copy/paste format on the [Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Assessment Services website](https://asccas.osu.edu/submission/development/submission-materials/syllabus-elements).
   4. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the unit remove all language pertaining to online instruction from the syllabus (including “How This Online Course Works”, pg.3) as this course is in person and is not approved for Distance Learning.
   5. McKean, Dwyer; unanimously approved with **one contingency** (in bold above) and *three recommendations* (in italics above).