ASCC Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee

Unapproved Minutes

Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 E-Vote

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

1. Approval of 11-07-2023 minutes
   1. Unanimously approved via e-vote.
2. Geography 3650 (new course requesting Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World)
   1. **Contingency:** The Subcommittee asks that the department obtain a concurrence from the School of Environment and Natural Resources.
   2. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department minimize the use of acronyms (such as “DP” and “SA”) on the Course Schedule (syllabus pgs. 14-21) whenever possible, as this can sometimes be confusing for students reading the syllabus in an online format.
   3. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee suggests that the department alter either the “Grading and Instructor Response” section of the syllabus (pgs. 6-7) or the Course Schedule (syllabus pgs. 14-21), as the four “Short Essay” assignments found on the Course Schedule (Weeks 5, 9, 11, 15) do not seem to correspond to any assignment described under “Grading and Instructor Response”.
   4. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department be as specific as possible regarding how students will be graded for participation (Syllabus, pg. 7), and how that participation will be tracked.
   5. Approved via e-vote with **one contingency** (in bold above) and *three recommendations* (in italics above).