

ASCC Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee

Approved Minutes

Monday, January 27th, 2025

3:00PM – 4:30PM

CarmenZoom

Attendees: Dwyer, McKean, Nathanson, Neff, Valle, Vankeerbergen, Xiao

Agenda

1. Approval of 1/13/25 minutes
 - a. Dwyer, Xiao; unanimously approved.
2. Psychology 2750S (new course requesting GEN Theme Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World with Service-Learning High Impact Practice)
 - a. Question: The Subcommittee would like to know whether an instructor at a different campus would need to make substantial modifications to the course. Indeed, the course is initially planned for Marion, but the Department will be able to teach the course on all OSU campuses and the partners are likely to differ across the campuses. The Subcommittee wonders how the department might address this potential issue.
 - b. **Contingency:** The Subcommittee requests that the department provide an explanation of the contact hours associated with the service-learning component of the course. While they note that the lecture times are outlined in the syllabus, it is not immediately clear whether the service-learning portion will account for the full additional contact hour each week.
 - c. **Contingency:** The Subcommittee requests that the department specify the page lengths in the assignment descriptions for each of the written assignments that students must complete.
 - d. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee requests additional clarification regarding the role of the reflective journals. It would be helpful for students to understand if/how these entries will be integrated into the course (e.g., through class discussions). [Syllabus p. 15]
 - e. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department check the [Office of Undergraduate Education's website](#) for updated language of recommended syllabus statements.
 - f. Xiao, McKean; unanimously approved with one question, **two contingencies**, and *two recommendations*.
3. Political Science 4322 (new course)
 - a. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department include the important deadlines from page 2 of the syllabus in the course schedule. [Syllabus pp. 4-8]
 - b. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee notes that the first page of the syllabus indicates the mock debate will take place in week 3, but the list of important dates

has it occurring on October 1st (week 7). To avoid confusion, the Subcommittee recommends correcting this discrepancy. [Syllabus p. 1 & 2]

- c. Dwyer, McKean; unanimously approved with *two recommendations*.