**ASCC Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee**

Unapproved Minutes

Monday, February 10th, 2025 3:00PM – 4:30PM

CarmenZoom

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

**Agenda**

1. Approval of 1/27/25 minutes
   1. Dwyer, McKean; unanimously approved.
2. First-Year Seminar Kogan - The Dirty Politics of Education (new)
   1. *Recommendation*: The Subcommittee recommends that the statement regarding complementary copies of the instructor’s book be removed from the syllabus. It may be more appropriate to perhaps mention this directly in class. [Syllabus p. 1]
   2. *Recommendation*: The Subcommittee recommends that the course schedule be adjusted in the final syllabus, as it appears to start later than the semester begins (which is the last couple weeks of August). The Subcommittee also recommends consistently noting in the schedule all holidays and breaks in the semester . [Syllabus p. 4-6]
   3. *Recommendation*: The Subcommittee recommends that the syllabus indicate that this is a 1 credit hour course.
   4. *Recommendation*: The Subcommittee notes two weeks (11 & 14) in the course schedule where the only assigned readings are from the instructor’s own work. The Subcommittee recommends that the instructor incorporate additional readings in those weeks to offer diverse perspectives.
   5. Raadschelders, McKean; unanimously approved with *four recommendations*.
3. Political Science 3620 (new course requesting GEN Theme Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World)
   1. *Recommendation*: The Subcommittee recommends that the reference to the OSU standard grading scale be removed from the syllabus, as the university does not have a standard grading scale. [Syllabus p. 4]
   2. *Recommendation*: The Subcommittee recommends that the department use the most recent version of the Student Life Disability Services Statement, which was updated in summer of 2024. 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). [Syllabus p. 7]
   3. *Recommendation*: The Subcommittee recommends that the department ensure that the reference to the[**Office of Institutional Equity**](mailto:equity@osu.edu) in the religious accommodations statement is a hyperlink to the office’s email. Additionally, the Subcommittee recommends that the link below be added to the bottom of the religious accommodations statement, as it is a part of the required text. Please feel free to copy and paste these two links into the statement directly from the Subcommittee’s feedback. Otherwise, the full statement with the links 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). [Syllabus p. 8]
      1. **(Policy:**[**Religious Holidays, Holy Days and Observances**](https://oaa.osu.edu/religious-holidays-holy-days-and-observances))
   4. *Recommendation*: The Subcommittee recommends that the department use the most recent version of the mental health statement if it wishes to keep the statement in the syllabus. The statement was updated to include the new Suicide and Crisis Lifeline number. 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). [Syllabus p. 8]
   5. Raadschelders, McKean; unanimously approved with *four recommendations*.