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Dear Pablo,

I am writing to inform you that the Curriculum subcommittee is sending back your proposal, Seeds for a Sustainable Future, with encouragement for revisions. The recommendations are as follows:

- **The course number needs to be changed to ASC 138 (as opposed to ASC 137) since it is an S/U class.**
- **The course objectives start with “understand” & “reflect.” It would be better to use verbs that refer to actions that can be measured.**
- **Percentage for attendance and participation is very low- 10%- considering that this should be a discussion-based class.**
- **The course is a good idea, but it is too much work for a 1-cr S/U class. Course should be doable in 1 credit. There is concern about the range of topics covered in a single meeting. E.g., week 2. The committee suggests that you reduce/narrow the scope of the seminar. Suggestion: pick one or two examples of crop (e.g., rice or potatoes or a flower) and find and follow a thread that runs from one week to another. That would make the work manageable.**
- **There is no real information about workload: number of pages to be read for each class meeting is not given.**
- **What is a “thought essay”?**
- **If recommendations are implemented, the committee believes that this course could be an incentive for students to take further classes in the field.**

Please review recommendations and re-submit to me and I will forward it to the committee for a second review. Let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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*Grace isn't a little prayer you chant before receiving a meal. It's a way to live.
~Attributed to Jacqueline Winspear*

He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has. ~Epictetus

Faith enables persons to be persons because it lets God be God. ~Carter Lindberg

Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson