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Dear Dr. Riedinger

I am writing to inform you of the status of your Freshman proposal: A Path for Discovery: Exploring Another Country. After an in-depth review, the CCI subcommittee arrived at the following conclusion:

- The proposal does not seem to contain much intellectual rigor because it moves well away from your research interests. For example, your Brazil course was accepted because you have extensive experience in that particular area.
- The purpose of freshman seminars is to acquaint students with faculty and how they do research. The committee feels that discussions in the proposed seminar might not stimulate intellectual inquiry, because the students will not be sharing research on a limited number of countries.

Therefore, the committee's recommendation is that you offer courses that have already been approved (Brazil: Continental Country; Afro-Brazilian spiritism; Amazonian river and rainforest). Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this or any other matter.

Sincerely,  
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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*