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TO: Daniel Dotson
FROM: James Fredal, CCI Sciences Subcommittee Chair
RE: ASC 314.01 Course Proposal

Thank you for your new course submission ASC 314, Online Research and the Science Literature to the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction. The proposal was reviewed by the sciences subcommittee of the CCI on October 22. The subcommittee saw the potential value for a course that focused on the research process in the sciences and particularly in cross-disciplinary science research. Members expressed a few concerns about the proposal however. First, we would like to see a rationale for the new course. Such a rationale could explain the context for this proposal, how it came about and why it was seen to be necessary, along with some evidence that there is or has been consistent demand for the course. The rationale might also explain the prerequisite (ASC 120), which was seen to be a potential barrier to enrollment. Also, since the course lies outside and in some cases duplicates research skills taught in other science and engineering courses, we were wondering whether you had received any support for this course from any of these departments. Committee members found the syllabus to be very detailed and informative, but wanted some of these contextual questions answered before they moved further on the proposal. We look forward to receiving a revised proposal and would be happy to answer any questions you have about the process.

Thanks very much.

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