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Dear Dean Phister and Dr. Hitzhusen -

I am chair of the Arts & Humanities 2 subcommittee of CCI, and at our last meeting (2/24/11) we reviewed the request for ENR 3470 to have "Culture and Ideas" GE status. The subcommittee wanted you to inform you of the following:

- o We approved ENR 3470 unanimously for GE Arts & Humanities Culture and Ideas (pending concurrence/feedback from Comparative Studies)
- o Concurrence is being requested from Department of Comparative Studies
- o This course might be a great addition to the BA in Religious Studies that is being developed
- o Suggestion for assessment plan: Collect representative samples of exams, term papers, etc.
- o When course is offered, please add the following boilerplate GE language (generic and expected learning outcomes) on the syllabus. This is an ASC policy.

**Arts and Humanities Expected Learning Outcomes:**

1. Students develop abilities to be informed observers of, or active participants in, the visual, spatial, performing, spoken, or literary arts.
2. Students develop an understanding of the foundations of human beliefs, the nature of reality, and the norms that guide human behavior.
3. Students examine and interpret how the human condition and human values are explored through works of art and humanistic writings.

**Cultures and Ideas Expected Learning Outcomes:**

1. Students develop abilities to analyze, appreciate, and interpret major forms of human thought and expression.
2. Students develop abilities to understand how ideas influence the character of human beliefs, the perception of reality, and the norms which guide human behavior.

Thanks for all the work you've put into this. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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