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Subject: Minor in Health, Environment, Risk, and Science Communication
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Dear David and Sarah,

On Thursday, January 30, the SBS Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a proposal for a new minor in Health, Environment, Risk, and Science Communication.

The Panel had some questions and decided to table the proposal until the following points are addressed:

- Concurrences:
 - It does not appear that concurrences were requested and/or obtained from CFAES and the College of Public Health.
 - Were concurrences obtained from Business, Engineering, and Health and Rehabilitation Sciences? The requests for concurrences to those units are attached but not their responses.
 - For clarity, when unit resubmits the updated concurrence pdf, please add a brief “cover paragraph” in which you list all the concurrences that were sent out with an explanation as to whether (a) a reply was received or (b) concurrence must be assumed (because 2 weeks elapsed and the School of Communication never heard back).
- In program rationale, add expected student enrollment and desired implementation date.
- Typos in rationale: 6th line: “In addition, the popularity of new [sic] on Science Communication suggests that the demand is there among students to study health, [sic] risk and science communication.” First [sic]: important word is left out. Second [sic]: word “environment” is left out.
- Advising sheet:
 - “4998 – Undergraduate Research (1-15) (no more than 3 hours can count toward the minor)
4999H – Honors Thesis Research (1-12) (no more than 3 hours can count toward the minor)”
It will not be possible to permit up to 3 hrs in both courses. New CAA minors rules only allow up to 3 credits of S/U courses.
 - Change advising wording:
 - 1st column: “To declare the minor, students should file the Minor Program Form with a college or school counselor.” Replace underlined part with “with the School of Communication advising office.”
 - 2nd column: “Approval required: The minor program description sheet indicates if the minor course work must be approved by a college/school counselor.” Replace with “Approval required: The minor course work must be approved by the School of Communication advising office.”
 - 2nd column: “Changing the minor: Once the minor program is filed in the

college office, any changes must be approved by a college/school counselor.”
Replace with “Changing the minor: Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the School of Communication advising office.”

- Other edits:
 - 1st column: add H version of 4240.
 - 2nd column: “Arts and Sciences minor program guidelines”: change to “Health, Environment, Risk, and Science Communication minor program guidelines.”
 - 2nd column: “Overlap with GEC.” Change to “Overlap with GE.”

I will return the proposal via curriculum.osu.edu in a minute to enable the School of Communication to make the necessary changes.

Should you have any questions about this feedback, please feel free to contact Tom Schwartz (Chair of the SBS Panel), or me.

My best,
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