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Subject: Dance 5121 and DANCE BFA program changes
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Attachments: [GPA and graduating grade program request effective AU15.pdf](#)

Dear Mike and Amy,

On Friday, September 18 , the Arts and Humanities Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed (1) a proposal for a new course Dance 5121 and (2) a proposal to make some changes to the Dance BFA.

1. The proposal for new course 5121 was unanimously approved and will now travel to the Graduate School and the Office of Academic Affairs.
2. The Panel did not take a vote on the proposal to make changes to the Dance BFA. The Panel would like the following point to be addressed first.

GPA will be raised from 2.25 to 3.0, but grade will be lowered from C+ to C-. The Panel does not clearly see how lowering the grade will benefit the department and the students. The next to the last paragraph of the proposal reads: "The request for the courses in the major to earn a grade of "C-" or higher to count towards graduation [is] due to the importance of grasping the course content the Movement Practice (both required and additional) coursework, Focus or elective coursework, and especially the required Foundation coursework. *As you will see in the data below*, most often the lower grades are due to attendance, which can hinder participation and depth of knowledge, so vital to an experiential art form such as dance." The Panel believes that reducing the grade to C- would affect the way that students grasp course content, though in the passage above the grade of C- is described in positive terms. Also, the passage quoted mentions that "the data below" show that lower grades are due to attendance issues. However, the data do not seem to reflect this. The Panel asks that the paragraph/proposal be adjusted to clarify the point re: reducing course grade to C-.

Once point two has been addressed, please feel free to send the revision directly to me via e-mail and the Panel will look at it again.

Should you have any questions about the feedback above, please feel free to contact Janice Aski (Chair of the A&H Panel; cc'd on this message), or me.

My best,
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