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Cathy,

Yesterday, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reconsidered proposals for distance learning offerings of Social Work 1120 (with GE Social Science—Human, Natural, and Economic Resources), 1130 (with GE Social Science—Individuals and Groups), 1140 (with GE Diversity—Social Diversity in the U.S), and 3597 (with GE Cross-Disciplinary Seminar).

The faculty Panel decided to not vote on those proposals. Please find below the feedback of the Panel:

- Distance learning syllabi need clear information about content of lectures (and distinguish between lectures and on-line discussion). E.g., online syllabus for SW 1130 does not even mention lectures as a method of instruction. It would seem that the students are just supposed to read the book. (This is probably not the case but the syllabus does not make this clear.) For SW 1120, 1130, 1140, and 3597, the lecture part is not sufficiently explained.
- How are exams handled? Do students go to a testing center? Are exams open book? If closed book, how are exams proctored? E.g., SW 3597: Course has exams, but syllabus does not provide information about how exams are taken. This is especially concerning since SW 3597 has exams with multiple choice and true-false questions.
- SW 1120: There are differences in the weighing of grades (for the assignments) between the in-class and the on-line syllabi. This is especially the case for the mini-assignments (30% for in-class version with some mini-assignments being 10 or 100 points vs. 60 points for Distance Learning version with all mini-assignments being an equal 15 points).

I will return the courses so that the College of Social Work can address the points above.

The faculty Chair of the SBS Panel is Professor Pok-sang Lam (cc'd here). Should you have any questions about the vote of the Panel, please feel free to contact him.

Regards,
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