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Dear Professors Karn and Santagata,

The ASC Curriculum Committee has reviewed your proposal for a new freshman seminar, "Vintage Chemistry and Physics: Historically Accurate Reproductions of Notable Scientific Experiments."

I am happy to report that the proposal was approved with one recommendation and two reminders:

- Recommendation: Inform the Department of Physics since this seminar might interest their students.
- Reminders: Final version of the syllabus should specify that the lectures will be 55 minutes. Also, please do note that depending on which day of the week the seminar will be taught, there may be as many as 16 or as few as 12 meetings during Autumn semester (so schedule may need to be adjusted).

The main reviewer/reader of the proposal had the following feedback: "This is a unique cross-disciplinary seminar (Chemistry and Physics) because it will give students perspective about the time in history when experimental discoveries that changed the world were made. This seminar could have a great impact on students by opening their eyes about how scientific discoveries are made. It is my experience that students take scientific knowledge for granted and rarely question where knowledge came from."

Should you have any questions about the feedback, please feel free to contact Meg Daly, faculty Chair of the ASC Curriculum Committee (cc'd here), or me.

I am also cc'ing Todd Bitters and Dawn Nolen, who both administer the Freshman Seminar program. One of them will be in touch with you for the practical arrangements related to teaching the course.

Best wishes,  
Bernadette



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