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Subject: Economics 5261 and 5262
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Dear Trevon and Ana,

On Monday, February 6, the SBS Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee considered new course requests for Economics 5261 and 5262.

The Panel did not vote on the courses but would like the following points addressed first:

1. Economics 5261

Contingencies:

- Political Science, Psychology and John Glenn College are on list of concurrences, but Dept of Economics did not provide the requests for concurrence from these units. The panel needs to see the emails sent and an explanation that the units did not respond to the request for concurrence in time--if that is the case.
- Fisher College of Business declined concurrence, but indicated they would follow up with Economics. Panel needs the record of the follow-up conversations that occurred and the outcomes of any correspondence before proceeding.
- Need correct grade breakdown. Grade determination, listed on page 2 of the syllabus, states that there are 5 homework assignments and 3 exams during the semester. However, the course schedule lists 6 homework assignments and only 2 midterm exams.
- Panel would like clarification on the required readings. Are students required to purchase a textbook or are selected chapters of textbooks available on Carmen? Additionally, readings for weeks 7 to 14 are listed as "TBA." Please indicate sample readings that may be chosen for these weeks for the panel to review.
- Provide contact hours for the course
- Disability statement includes former location in Pomerene Hall and a broken link to the Office of Disability Services. Please update to include current location in 098 Baker Hall, 113 W. 12th Avenue. See p. 15 of ASC Curriculum and Assessment Operations Manual for the preferred language
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Comment:

- While it is ultimately the decision of the professor teaching the course, the panel is concerned that students are being graded relative to other students and not by their own work. The syllabus indicates that generally a certain percent of students will receive As, Bs, Cs, Ds and Es.

2. Economics 5262

Contingencies:

- Political Science, Psychology and John Glenn College are on list of concurrences, but Dept of Economics did not provide the requests for concurrence from these units. The panel needs to see the emails sent and an explanation that the units did not respond to the request for concurrence in time--if that is the case.
- Fisher College of Business declined concurrence, but indicated they would follow up with Economics. Panel needs the record of the follow-up conversations that occurred and the outcomes of any correspondence before proceeding.
- Panel would like clarification on the required readings. Are students required to purchase a textbook or are selected chapters of textbooks available on Carmen? Some weeks list a few readings and others only list "TBA." Provide more information on readings for all weeks and provide more information on any required textbooks.
- Provide a more detailed description of the writing assignments.
- Provide contact hours for the course
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Comments:

- The prerequisite for the course currently states "ECON 5261 and ECON 4001.01, 4001.02, or 4001.03, and 4002.01, 4002.02, or 4002.03, and Math 1151, 1152, 1161, or 2182H, or equiv.; or Grad standing." The wording of the prerequisite leaves the option for graduate students who have not taken Econ 5261 to enroll in Econ 5262. The panel recommends changing the prerequisite to just "ECON 5261," unless it is intentional to allow graduate students to enroll without this prerequisite.
- While it is ultimately the decision of the professor teaching the course, the panel is concerned that students are being graded relative to other students and not by their own work. The syllabus indicates that generally a certain percent of students will receive As, Bs, Cs, Ds and Es.

I will return both courses via curriculum.osu.edu to enable the department to address the points above.

Should you have any questions about this feedback, do not hesitate to contact Pok-sang Lam, faculty Chair of the SBS Panel.

Best,
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