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Subject: New First-Year Seminar "The Art and Craft of Coming Out"
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Dear Professor White,

On Friday, March 3, the Arts and Humanities 2 Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed your proposal for a new First-Year Seminar, " The Art and Craft of Coming Out."

The Panel did not vote on the proposed new course but would like the following points/questions addressed first:

- Panel is unclear about the topics that are addressed each week. Request to organize the schedule by themes/topics (rather than by which activity will take place or by visitor # that will come talk to the class).
- The panel is reluctant to approve a seminar that is so focused on undergraduate student experiences, especially when no weekly topics/themes are provided.
- There is a scarcity of readings in the syllabus. Readings disappear after week 6.
- The title might be misleading to many students since several forms of coming out are being discussed in the seminar. "Far from the Tree" or "How to Survive Thanksgiving" might be better titles (?)
- In AU 17, "freshman seminars" will be renamed "first-year seminars."
- The Office of Student Life Disability Services has moved and the College's preferred statement is now, "Students with disabilities (including mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions) that have been certified by the Office of Student Life Disability Services will be appropriately accommodated and should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs. The Office of Student Life Disability Services is located in 098 Baker Hall, 113 W. 12th Avenue; telephone 614-292-3307, slds@osu.edu; slds.osu.edu."

Should you have any questions about this feedback, do not hesitate to contact Richard Fletcher (faculty Chair of the Arts and Humanities 2 Panel; cc'd here), or me.

Please feel free to send a revised syllabus to me, and the A&H2 panel will then review it.

Best regards,
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