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Dear Paul,

On Friday, October 6, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed new course proposal Astronomy 1221 with GE Natural Science—Physical Science.

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

- Syllabus:
 - The panel members wonder who the intended audience is (beyond “students with an interest in astronomy and the analysis of large datasets”). The course is pitched at the 1000-level, which is a very low level. Panel does not understand why the course is at the 1000 level. The syllabus states that “[n]o prior knowledge of astronomy or python is necessary.” There is no required textbook for the course, but there are references to an introductory astronomy textbook being useful and online tutorials for data analysis methods and python being used for the course. Panel would like to see more information about how the background knowledge of data analysis and python will be obtained. Will average ASC student be able to succeed?
 - Disability statement is not the most recent and Student Life Disability Services moved over a year ago. Please update to the most recent disability statement. See <http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu/faculty-staff/syllabus-statement/>
- Form in curriculum.osu.edu: Request to uncheck that the course is *intended* for juniors and seniors since a 1000-level course is not intended for them—even though that does not preclude juniors and seniors from taking the course. (This point has already been taken care of by the ASC Curriculum and Assessment Services.)

I will return Astronomy 1221 to the department via curriculum.osu.edu to enable the department to address the Panel’s points.

Should you have any questions about the feedback of the Panel, please feel free to contact Chuck Daniels (faculty Chair of the NMS Panel; cc’d on this e-mail), or me.

Best wishes,
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