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Subject: New First-Year Seminar "Nom-nomics: The Economics of Food"
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Dear Darcy (if I may),

On Tuesday, March 6, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed your proposal for a new first-year seminar, " Nom-nomics: The Economics of Food."

The Panel unanimously approved the proposed seminar with one contingency and four comments/recommendations:

- Contingency: P. 2 What does the following mean? "More than two missed classes will result in a significant point loss for participation." Provide more specifics.
- Comments/recommendations:
 - P. 1 of syllabus: This should be ASC 1137, not Econ 1137.
 - Providing page numbers for the readings would be helpful. (Also for the Panel it is hard to gauge reading load when no page numbers are provided.)
 - The Panel members recommend removing the country presentation and the final exam so as to reduce the course load. Mat Coleman, a faculty member in the Department of Geography and a member of the SBS Panel, is available to chat about his experience teaching a first-year seminar.
 - If you decide to keep the country presentation assignment, the Panel wishes to point out the contradiction in the syllabus that most of the readings are about the US.

Should you have any questions about this feedback, do not hesitate to contact Christina Roup (faculty Chair of the SBS Panel; cc'd here), or me.

Please feel free to send a revised syllabus to me, and I will then submit it for final approval.

Best regards,
Bernadette



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