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Dear Darcy,

I am happy to let you know that Christina Roup has reviewed the revised syllabus and approved all the changes. Your first-year seminar can be offered in Autumn 2018.

Todd Bitters, who administers the First-Year Seminar program, will be in touch with you for all the practical arrangements related to teaching the course in Autumn.

Congratulations on your new first-year seminar.

Best,  
Bernadette



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Hello,  
I apologize for the delay in making the suggested improvements. I was in Tijuana last week for my education abroad program, and had limited access to internet.

I have attached an updated syllabus. I would also like to address the comments based on their order in your email.

- 1) I added a specific point loss for missed classes.
- 2) I corrected the course title to ASC 1137
- 3) I have not provided page numbers. Textbook chapter readings will be suggested and not mandatory. I may change some articles before fall semester if I find more recent or better articles to fit with the themes, but I will keep the concern on reading load in mind. Article length is not always a good indicator of time required to read and understand, but again, I will focus on keeping the reading assignments consistent with a one hour seminar course.

4) I have removed the country presentation and final exam from the course. The grade will be based on the weekly discussions and reflections. I still plan to follow up with Mat to discuss his experience, and I have already discussed my proposed seminar with my colleague, Ethan Doetsch.

Thanks so much for your input. I am very excited to teach this! I am happy to make any additional adjustments that the committee deems necessary.

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**From:** Vankeerbergen, Bernadette  
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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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