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Dear Professors Gopalan and Roth,

On Thursday, March 22, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences (NMS) Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed your proposal for a new first-year seminar, "Curiosity and the Human Experience."

The panel unanimously approved the seminar with the following contingencies:

- The syllabus does not provide much information about how students will be evaluated. Request to provide more comprehensive grading information.
- The list of scientists is very male and European. Since the topic of the course is curiosity, it would be good to include some gender and geographic diversity. Request to include non-European and more non-male scientists.

In the meantime, Chuck Daniels (faculty Chair of the NMS Panel), has received a revised syllabus and approved the changes. Therefore, 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 regards,
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