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Dear Professors Metzger and Barker,

In January, the Arts and Humanities 2 Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a request to add GE Cultures and Ideas to HCS 3380, which would become a 3-credit course and would be offered 100% online.

The panel did not vote on the request due to a number of concerns that are listed below.

- The course has the potential to be really interesting. However, the sample questions provided in Appendix A to illustrate GE assessment are not necessarily linked to the GE ELOs. More importantly, the way the questions are phrased seems to reinforce stereotypes, rather than dispel these.
- The sense of stereotyping is reinforced by the format of the questions in the quizzes. One cannot talk about cultures in a nuanced way & offer multiple choice quizzes for these. The Panel feels that the pre-recorded videos in the DL delivery may also reinforce that sense of stereotyping. Pre-recorded information does not seem to leave much room for a nuanced appreciation of another culture.
- The Panel thinks that Latina/o Studies will need to provide concurrence on this course request.
- Distance learning checklist should be the final one. If changes have been made to the syllabus after initial review by OCIO, the Panel should see the finalized checklist.

As you know, I had an informal conversation about the panel's feedback with Assistant Dean Osborne, and I understand you have met, understand the concerns, and are working on a revision. If you would like to discuss anything further (at any point), please do not do not hesitate to contact Carmen Taleghani-Nikazm (faculty Chair of the A&H2 Panel; cc'd here), or me.

In the meantime, I will return the course to your queue via curriculum.osu.edu so that you can uploaded revisions etc when you are ready.

All best wishes,  
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