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Subject: New First-Year Seminar: Can Culture Save Nature? An Introduction to Environmental Humanities
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Dear Professor Mergenthaler,

On Friday, March 8, the Arts and Humanities 1 Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed your proposal for a new first-year seminar, "Can Culture Save Nature? An Introduction to Environmental Humanities."

The Panel unanimously approved the proposed seminar with three recommendations:

- The course number should be 1137 if it is graded A-E.
- The panel recommends including an attendance policy, especially since participation is graded.
- The syllabus should include a grading scale.

Should you have any questions about this feedback, do not hesitate to contact Shari Savage (faculty Chair of the Arts and Humanities 2; cc'd here), or me.

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,
Shelby

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