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Subject: New First-Year Seminar - Big Data for Bioinformatics and Biodiversity Studies
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Dear Professor [Carstens](#),

On Thursday, March 7, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a proposal for a new first-year seminar, "Big Data for Bioinformatics and Biodiversity Studies."

I am happy to report that the faculty panel unanimously approved the proposal with some recommendations (for when the course is taught):

- This first-year seminar appears to involve a lot of work. The Panel encourages you to be mindful of that and, potentially, find ways to reduce some of the workload.
- Top of p. 1: "Freshman seminar": change to "First-year seminar." Also make same change in the course description.
- P. 1: Misspelling in the word "biodiversity" (biodiveristy) in the title. Suggestion to shorten the title to "Big Data & Biodiversity."
- P. 2: Is there a way to leverage the Digital Flagship (its use of iPad)? Requiring students to bring a PC to class might be an issue. Suggestion to hold the seminar in a computer lab.
- P. 3: Request to update disability statement with correct language and address: <https://ascas.osu.edu/curriculum/asc-syllabus-elements> It is also recommended that the font be 16 points.
- P. 3: Statement on diversity: There is only one instructor in this case.

Should you have any questions about this feedback, do not hesitate to contact Chuck Daniels (faculty Chair of the NMS Panel; cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

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

Congratulations on your new first-year seminar.

Best regards,
Bernadette



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