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Good afternoon,

On Friday, June 26, the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed proposals to offer distance learning versions of Economics 8271 and 8731. Please find below the Committee's feedback for these courses.

- Economics 8721 – The Committee did not vote on the proposal as they would like the following points addressed:
 - The distance learning syllabus should specify an instructor and office hours.
 - The distance learning syllabus needs a weekly topical outline, including readings and homework. It is also recommended that the outline include assignment deadlines.
 - It appears that the syllabus has not been fully converted for an online course (e.g. there are mentions of using a “blue book” in the syllabus).
 - The Committee expressed concerns about the rationale for making this offering a permanent DL course. The provided rationale indicated the DL offering is due to COVID. It may be more appropriate for this course to have temporary DL status under the assurance process.
- Economics 8731 - approved with the following recommendations:
 - The official title of the course is “Econometrics 1”, but the title on the syllabus is “General Linear Regression Analysis.” The Committee recommends using the official title on the syllabus to avoid confusion. A more focused title can also be included.
 - Include specific office hours and method of contact (e.g. Zoom, phone, email, etc.).
 - The weekly schedule could specify the dates for each week and specify deadlines for all homework assignments. Exam dates can also be specified in the schedule.
 - The delivery mode could be clearer by stating how instructional content will be conveyed on the first page of the syllabus.

I will return Economics 8271 to the department queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the Committee's requests.

Economics 8731 has already been advanced through the approval process.

Should you have any questions about the feedback of the Committee, please feel free to contact Alison Crocetta (faculty Chair of the ASC Curriculum Committee; cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

Best wishes,
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