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Subject: Latinx Languages, Literatures and Cultures track and Spanish 5670/5670E
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Good morning,

On Friday, September 4, the Arts and Humanities 2 Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a proposal to create a new track in Latinx Languages, Literatures and Cultures within the Spanish BA and a new course proposal for Spanish 5670 and 5670E. Please find below the Panel's feedback for these proposals.

1. New track in Latinx Languages, Literatures and Cultures within the Spanish BA – The Panel did not vote, as they would like the following points addressed:
 - Provide a thorough rationale for the addition of the Latinx track. Was the proposed track based on program assessment, recent trends in academia, interest from current students, etc.? Are there unique characteristics that position OSU particularly well for this track? How does this track differ from existing tracks in the major, particularly the Latin American Literatures and Cultures track. How will students, the university, and/or the region benefit from this? Are there additional career or graduate school opportunities associated with the track? Do peer institutions offer a similar content? If so, do they offer it as a track or as a separate major? Additional information on curricular rationale for major revisions can be found on page 87 of the ASC Curriculum and Assessment Operations Manual.
(https://ascas.osu.edu/sites/default/files/ASC_Curriculum_and_Assessment_Operations_Manual.pdf)
 - The cover letter indicates that the curriculum map has been reworked. It was included with the Spanish 5670 proposal, but it should also be included in the Latinx Languages, Literatures and Cultures track proposal.
 - The cover letter and the concurrence letter from Ines Valdez indicate that students can pursue both this major and the Latina/o Studies minor. However, the proposal does not explain how the track is different from the minor. A student cannot major and minor in the same subject area. If names of majors/minors are similar, it is up to the proposer to clearly state how different the programs are so that ASCC can evaluate if students can do both.
 - Additional recommendations:
 - The proposal mentions that the assessment plan will not change. It may still be advisable to include the plan in the proposal. Additionally, the Panel recommends that the department make sure there is assessment for the concentration planned in some manner.
 - Advising sheets: The department may want to develop a non-electronic version of the advising sheet if they have not already done so. A non-electronic version could more clearly indicate the required courses and credit hours.
2. Spanish 5670 (new course) approved with two recommendations:
 - Not all the films have information for how they can be accessed. This information should be provided before offering.
 - Typo in the course description of the first syllabus: representative simples
3. Spanish 5670E (new course) approved with three recommendations:
 - Not all the films have information for how they can be accessed. This information should be provided before offering.
 - Typo in the course description of the first syllabus: representative simples
 - The first syllabus says that “For honors students taking this course as an embedded option [e], the course provides research opportunities and assist in the preparation of a presentation of the respective research project, or a related research topic, at a research forum for Honors students as recommended by the A&S Curriculum committee.” It is unclear if presenting a research project at a forum is a required component of the paper or if it is a component that will impact a student's grade.

This should be clarified.

Please send the revised copy of the Latinx Languages, Literatures and Cultures track proposal to me or Bernadette Vankeerbergen (cc'd here).

Spanish 5670 and 5670E will continue through the approval process. Spanish 5670E will be reviewed by the Honors Committee.

Should you have any questions about the feedback of the Panel, please feel free to contact Luke Wilson (faculty Chair of the A&H2 Panel; cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

Best wishes,
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