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Dear Charles and Professor Kogan:

On Thursday, February 4th, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a new course proposal for Political Science 3245 and a course change proposal for Political Science 3280. Please find below the Panel's feedback for these courses.

- Political Science 3245 (new course) approved with two contingencies and four recommendations:
 - **Contingency:** The Panel kindly requests that International Studies be contacted and asked for a concurrence for this course, as they feel there is overlap between that program and this course in which a concurrence would prove beneficial.
 - **Contingency:** The Panel would like to see additional information regarding the course assignments, as found on pages 3 and 4 of the syllabus. Specifically, they would like further explanation and breakdown of the exams, the cumulative project and, especially, the case studies.
 - **Recommendation:** The Panel recommends itemizing all required readings for the course into a section within the syllabus so students know, explicitly, what is expected of them for the duration of the course.
 - **Recommendation:** On page 4 of the syllabus, under Grading Scale, it mentions the OSU standard grading scale. The Panel recommends removing that language, as there is no standard grading scale for The Ohio State University.
 - **Recommendation:** On page 4 of the syllabus, under the Missing an Exam section, the Panel noted that students are only able to reschedule one of the three required exams for the course. They kindly recommend that this policy be reexamined, as it could possibly be unnecessarily punitive to students.
 - **Recommendation:** On page 6 of the syllabus, Kellie Brennan is mentioned as the Title IX Coordinator. The Panel recommends removing her name and updating that language as Kellie Brennan is no longer the Title IX Coordinator. The updated language can be found on the ASC Curriculum and Assessment Services website at <https://ascas.osu.edu/curriculum/syllabus-elements>.

- Political Science 3280 (course change) approved with one comment and three recommendations:
 - **Comment:** The Panel could not help but wonder if this course would achieve its goals better, or best serve students, if it had a prerequisite, given that, based upon the provided curricular map, it is designated as an advanced course. Therefore, they would like to pose this as a question to the Department to consider as they move forward with this course.
 - **Recommendation:** The Panel recommends removing all references to PS 4280 within the syllabus, such as on page 4 of the syllabus.
 - **Recommendation:** The Panel recommends adding additional information and clarity to the Debate Memos assignment and the format of the course exams as found in the course schedule on page 3. They feel as these assignments do not have clear expectations set out in the syllabus and worry that students may become confused.
 - **Recommendation:** On page 7 of the syllabus, Kellie Brennan is mentioned as the Title IX Coordinator. The Panel recommends removing her name and updating that language as Kellie Brennan is no longer the Title IX Coordinator. The updated language can be found on the ASC Curriculum and Assessment Services website at <https://ascas.osu.edu/curriculum/syllabus-elements>.

I will return Political Science 3245 to the department queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to

address the Panel's requests while Political Science 3280 will continue through the approval process.

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

Best wishes,

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