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Dear Professor Terndrup,

On Monday, March 15th, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed your proposal for a new first-year seminar, "Science and pseudoscience: Why do so many people believe nonsense?"

The Panel unanimously approved the proposed seminar with one contingency and two recommendations:

- **Contingency:** The Panel recommends reviewing the current work-load of the course, as they feel as out-of-class assignments, including weekly readings and multiple papers will exceed 2-3 hours of out-of-class work, as would be expected for a 1 credit hour seminar.
- **Recommendation:** The Panel recommends adding into the syllabus what percentage a student needs to achieve the "S" grade in the course.
- **Recommendation:** The Panel suggests reviewing the sentence "The seminar targets first-year students in any STEM disciplines" on page 1 of the syllabus, as the goal of a first-year seminar is to introduce students to specific topics and research areas of faculty while being open to students in any discipline. They feel as if this sentence could discourage non-STEM students from enrolling within the seminar.

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

Please feel free to send a revised syllabus to me, and I will then submit it for final approval.

Best,
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