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Subject: New First-Year Seminar: Social Change: What is it and How does it Happen?
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Dear Dr. MacColman,

On Monday, March 18th, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed your proposal for a new first-year seminar, "Social Change: What is it and How does it Happen? "

The Panel unanimously approved the proposed seminar with two contingencies and three recommendations:

- **Contingency:** On page 2, under the "Grading" section, the syllabus mentions the OSU standard grading scale. Please remove this reference, as Ohio State does not have a standard grading scale.
- **Contingency:** On page 2, under the "Grading" section, the syllabus mentions that <60 is equal to a letter grade of "F". Please change this to "E" as Ohio State does not award the letter grade of "F".
- **Recommendation:** The Panel suggests reconsidering the location of the final presentation within the course calendar, as on the calendar (found on pages 3 and 4) they fall on weeks 13 and 14. They worry this may overlap too heavily with finals for the students' other courses and cause undue stress for them.
- **Recommendation:** The Panel recommends reexamining the workload for the course, as they feel it may be too high for a one credit hour, first-year seminar. They highly recommend reviewing sample syllabi from other approved first-year seminars as an example, which can be found on the First-Year Seminar website at <https://firstyourseminars.osu.edu/syllabi>.
- **Recommendation:** The Panel suggests providing full citations for course texts and where to purchase the textbooks for the course within the syllabus.

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.

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

Best,
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