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To: Griffith, Elizabeth M.; Panero, Wendy; Griffith, W. Ashley
Cc: Vankeerbergen, Bernadette; Steele, Rachel
Subject: Earth Sciences 5242

Good afternoon,

On Wednesday, September 29th, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a new course proposal for Earth Sciences 5242.

The Panel unanimously approved the request with **2 contingencies** (in bold below) and *3 recommendations* (in italics below):

- 1) Earth Sciences 5242 (new course)
 - **Contingency: The Panel asks that the department clarify whether this course can be used in partial fulfillment of the Earth Sciences major (Course Request Form, pg. 2 under “Requirement/Elective Designation”).**
 - **Contingency: If the course can be used in partial fulfillment of the major, the Panel requests that the department submit an updated curriculum map that reflects how Earth Sciences 5242 will function within the broader curriculum.**
 - *Recommendation: The Panel recommends that the syllabus include more information surrounding the snorkeling/swimming activities:*
 - *Is there a swimming/water safety skill pre-requisite for the course?*
 - *If a student is unable to swim, how should they request modifications and/or accommodations?*
 - *How/when will students’ swimming skills be evaluated?*
 - *Recommendation: The Panel recommends that the syllabus include more detail about the field notebook assignment to indicate to students how much work will be expected and how this assignment will be evaluated (syllabus pg. 2 under “Course Grade will be based on the following”).*
 - *Recommendation: The Panel recommends that the Grading Scale be altered to include grades of D, D-, and E (syllabus pg. 3 under “Course Grade will be based on the following”).*

I will return Earth Sciences 5242 to the department queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the Panel’s requests.

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.

Best,
Rachel



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