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Hi Rachel,

Perhaps this is what we need to send?

What do you think?

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Hello Jeanne,

Thank you for copying me on this email & thank you for providing concurrence to our department. That said, I need to clarify that the course has already been approved for the GEN Theme Sustainability. So I would actually not recommend that the Dept of Spanish and Portuguese make any change to the syllabus since that would necessitate a re-review of the GE Theme. Also, concurrence focuses on potential overlap rather than on the GE status of a course. So I expect the Dept of Spanish and Portuguese will resubmit the course as such with the concurrence and we will advance it to OAA.

My best,  
Bernadette



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Dear Eugenia,

On behalf of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, please accept concurrence for the proposal for a new course, Spanish 4542: 'Taco Planet: Food, Sustainability and Latin(x) American Cultures', a 3-credit course proposed for the Sustainability Theme in the GEN. This proposal has been reviewed by academic units within the CFAES; and the School of Environment and Natural Resources and the Departments of Food Science and Technology (FST) and Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics (AEDE) responded with concurrence. Additionally, the School of Environment and Natural Resources has provided the following guidance regarding this course with its focus on Sustainability and additional feedback to avoid undue overlap with existing courses within the SENR:

*Based on experience with the GE, we suggest that the course could better fit the theme if the instructors were to foreground and enhance the discussion of overarching sustainability frameworks. We suggest looking conceptual framework for sustainability education developed by OSU's Sustainability Institute. This sustainability framework involves the integration of the six pillars of sustainability. A single course may emphasize one pillar more than another and does not need to include all pillars of sustainability. Additionally, some ways that might increase the sustainability component of the course could be to include some of the foundational topics in sustainability: defining sustainability, measuring sustainability, nature of human-natural-engineered systems, role of technology change & innovation, planning & managing for resilience, ecosystem services, human behavior & decision making & equity & environmental justice. There is also a lot of literature related to sustainability in the food system. SENR also has courses related to sustainable agriculture that tap into this. The theme of sustainable food systems and what they are should be covered explicitly early on if the course is intended for the Sustainability GE.*

*If the course content is revised, we'd recommend looking at the syllabi for these following courses to minimize overlap: ENR 2101 (Intro to Sustainability), ENR 3100*

*(Intro to Sustainable Agriculture), ENR 5600 (Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems).*

The CFAES supports this proposal and would be happy to discuss the guidance and feedback of the SENR with you. I would be happy to assist in coordinating a meeting.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Take care,

Jeanne



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Hello Jeanne,

I'm writing as Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Department of Spanish and Portuguese. In that capacity, I work on curriculum. We currently have a course that was just approved by ASC Curriculum, but we've been ask to seek concurrence from the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

I'm attaching the course syllabus and forms that were approved for your review. I thank you in advance for your help on this matter.

Best,

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