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Good morning,

On Thursday, Oct. 20th, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed course proposals for Earth Sciences 6101 and 8871. Please find below the Panel's feedback for these courses.

- Earth Sciences 6101 was approved with six recommendations:
 - *Recommendation:* The Panel recommends that the unit clarify whether students who turn their CV in early for extra credit (syllabus pg. 5 under "Sept. 24") will be required to turn in an updated or improved version to earn credit for the standard course assignment on October 29th.
 - *Recommendation:* Given the course's focus on the graduate student experience in the Earth Sciences, the Panel recommends that the unit consider limiting enrollment to "graduate students in Earth Sciences, or permission of instructor" so that students from other units would at least need to discuss with the instructor whether enrollment would be appropriate given their field of study.
 - *Recommendation:* The Panel recommends that the unit add a statement to the syllabus asking that students communicate with the instructor about any concerns or needed accommodations for instruction in an outdoor setting. Additionally, they recommend that the unit carefully consider whether meeting in an outdoor location for the first class of the semester is appropriate, as it may be difficult for new graduate students to locate the class without a building and room number.
 - *Recommendation:* The Panel recommends that the unit remove the reference to "the Ohio State grading scale" (syllabus pg.2) as Ohio State does not have an official grading scale; instructors are welcome and encouraged to use any scale that works best for their course.
 - *Recommendation:* The Panel recommends that the department replace the Disability Services statement on pg. 3 of the syllabus with the most up-to-date version, which can be found here: <https://asccas.osu.edu/curriculum/syllabus-elements>.
 - *Recommendation:* The Panel recommends that the department replace the Mental Health statement on pg. 3 of the syllabus with the most up-to-date version, which can be found here: <https://asccas.osu.edu/curriculum/syllabus-elements>.
- Earth Sciences 8871 was approved with four recommendations:
 - *Recommendation:* The Panel recommends that the "Grading" section of the syllabus (pg. 2) be clarified. They note that the percentage breakdown could be difficult to understand in its current form and they recommend that the unit utilize a table or separate listing for each version of the course. Further, the Panel notes that a separate listing could help to clarify how students who enroll in the 3rd credit hour of the course will be graded on participation, assignments, and the final project.
 - *Recommendation:* The Panel offers a friendly observation that the "Course objectives" (syllabus pg. 1-2) include both course objectives and learning outcomes, and they recommend re-labeling them accordingly.
 - *Recommendation:* The Panel recommends that the department replace the Disability Services statement on pg. 4 of the syllabus with the most up-to-date version, which can

- be found here: <https://asccas.osu.edu/curriculum/syllabus-elements>.
- *Recommendation*: The Panel recommends that the department replace the Mental Health statement on pg. 4 of the syllabus with the most up-to-date version, which can be found here: <https://asccas.osu.edu/curriculum/syllabus-elements>.

Earth Sciences 6101 and 8871 will continue through the approval process.

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

Best,
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