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Dear Shaun and Susan,

On Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, the Arts and Humanities 1 Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed your proposal for a new first-year seminar, "Music and Social Justice".

I am happy to report that the proposal was unanimously approved by the faculty panel, with one contingency and two recommendations:

- **Contingency:** The Panel asks that a provided reading list (or, if appropriate, playlist) be added to the course syllabus, as a requirement for first-year seminars is to include a reading list within the provided syllabus.
- **Recommendation:** The Panel strongly recommends to the department of English that they send a friendly communication to the School of Music, informing them of this new first-year seminar, as it may be of interest to their faculty and students. The Director of Undergraduate Studies in the School of Music is David Hedgecoth.1.
- **Recommendation:** The Panel asks that, in the grading scale on page 2 of the syllabus, the grade of "NP" be removed. The grade of "NP" is not equivalent to a grade of "E" and is a special designation for students who elect to take a course as Pass (P) or Not Pass (NP).

Once a revision has been completed that incorporates the Panel's above feedback, please send the revised syllabus to me and I will work to ensure the seminar receives full approval.

If you have any questions about this feedback, please do not hesitate to talk to David Staley (faculty panel of the Arts and Humanities 1 Panel), or me.

All my best,  
Michael



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