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Good morning Mark and David,

On Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Arts and Humanities 1 Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a proposal for a new First-year Seminar titled “Mediocrity: A Critical Inquiry into Truth, Beauty and Busting the Curve”.

I am pleased to report that the Panel unanimously approved the request with one small recommendation:

- **Recommendation:** The Panel recommends including information on how students can expect to access the course films/film excerpts. Will they be provided to students or will they be required to utilize an additional resource (such as Netflix or Amazon Prime) to access these films?

I have cc'd Todd Bitters to this email, as he is the director of the First-year seminar program. Todd will be in touch with all practical applications for teaching the course in the autumn.

Should you have any questions regarding this feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to David Staley, faculty Chair of the Arts and Humanities 1 Panel, or me.

Congratulations on your new First-year seminar!

All my best,  
Michael



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