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Good afternoon Doug,

On Thursday, April 6th, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a distance learning request for Sociology 2209.

I am pleased to report that the Panel approved the request with one comment and contingency:

- **Comment:** The Panel noticed that the exams that were being administered in the in-person version have been removed and replaced in the online version of the course. They wanted to ensure that the instructor of the course know that there are ways to ensure that exams administered in a distance education format still adhere to academic integrity standards and guidelines. Some recommendations include developing open-note, open book exams or utilizing a proctoring service. The course instructor may also reach out to the ASC Office of Distance Education for an instructional design consultation to discuss other viable methods of administering exams by visiting: <https://ascode.osu.edu/consultation>.
- **Contingency:** The Panel asks that more information be provided in the course syllabus surrounding the course assignments, especially regarding the group exercises and discussion board posts (as found on page 6 of the online syllabus). They would like to see clearer descriptions of student expectations, expected word count or page length (as appropriate), format of the group exercises (such as details of the mock juries, where students will receive the data on the prisoner population, etc.), and other appropriate details.

I will return Sociology 2209 to the departmental queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the Panel's above feedback.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Christina Roup, faculty Chair of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel, or me.

All my best,
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