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Good afternoon,

On Tuesday, April 4th, the Themes II Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a new GEN Theme: Sustainability proposal for History 2704.

History 2704 was approved by the Panel with one contingency and three recommendations:

- i. **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty ask that the department make the connection to the theme more explicit in both the assignments and the course calendar. They note that the description of the take-home essay (syllabus pg. 10) is the only assignment description in which the terminology of sustainability is utilized. Additionally, while the modules in the course schedule (syllabus pg. 18-22) provide a clear link to the theme, it is unclear from the titles of the readings and the discussion topics how these ideas will be approached and studied through a lens of sustainability.
- ii. *Recommendation:* The Panel recommends that the department alter the pre-requisite listed on pg. 2 of the syllabus (“Prereq or concurrence: English 1110.xx, or permission of instructor.”) to match the pre-requisite on the Course Change Request Form (“Prereq or concur: English 1110.xx, or completion of GE Foundation Writing and Information Literacy Course, or permission of instructor.”)
- iii. *Recommendation:* The reviewing faculty recommend that the department use the most updated version of the “Statement on Mental Health” (syllabus pg. 15-16), as the name and phone number for the suicide/crisis helpline have changed. An up-to-date statement can be found here: <https://ascas.osu.edu/curriculum/syllabus-elements>.
- iv. *Recommendation:* The reviewing faculty recommend that the department provide full citations for readings that are not included in the required text so that students have a clearer idea of the expected workload.

I will return History 2704 to the departmental queue via curriculum.osu.edu so that the concerns of the reviewing faculty can be addressed. As a reminder, **contingencies** (in bold above) must be addressed and resubmitted via curriculum.osu.edu before a course can move forward in the approval process. *Recommendations* (in italics above) should be implemented when the course is next taught.

Should you have any questions regarding this feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ila Nagar, faculty Chair of the Themes II Panel, Maria Conroy, faculty Chair of the Theme Advisory Group: Sustainability, or me.

Best,
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