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Good afternoon,

On Wednesday, October 11th, the Arts and Humanities 2 Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a course change proposal for Comparative Studies 2420.

I am happy to report that the Subcommittee unanimously approved the request with the following recommendations:

- a. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department amplify the way that the course fulfills the GE Foundation in the syllabus in order to clearly inform students. Although the Subcommittee can implicitly understand this, it would be helpful to students to tie specific assignments and readings to the Foundation.
- b. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department include more details on the format of the final project so that what is expected of students and how the assignment helps to satisfy the GE goals and ELOs is more apparent. The Subcommittee notes that the other assignments have an appropriate level of detail and recommends applying similar specifications to the final assignment.
- c. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that all of the writing assignments be listed one-by-one in the breakdown of the percentages, so it is obvious to students that they are separate and carry weight individually.
- d. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee notices that Carmen discussions are mentioned under the Attendance and Academic Integrity sections of the syllabus (syllabus pg. 7) but are not included in the summary of assignments. The Subcommittee recommends clarifying whether Carmen discussions are involved in the course by either (1) adding discussions to the assignments list and adjusting the grade percentage accordingly, if necessary, or (2) removing the references on pg. 7.

As a reminder, recommendations (in italics above) should be implemented when the course is next taught. Comparative Studies 2420 will continue through the approval process to OAA.

Should you have any questions about the feedback of the Subcommittee, please feel free to contact Laura Podalsky (faculty chair of the Arts and Humanities 2 Subcommittee), or me.

Best,
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