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Good morning,

On Wednesday, April 3rd, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a new course proposal Astronomy 2020.

The Subcommittee unanimously approved the request with the following feedback:

- Comment: The Subcommittee would like to commend the department on what they view as an excellent and very interesting course.
- Comment: The Subcommittee notes that there is a statement in the syllabus above the Theme Goals and ELOs that references the GEC, which is an old general education program that the university no longer operates on. The Subcommittee recommends that the department remove this statement altogether as it is not necessary to include in the syllabus. [Syllabus p. 9]
- **Contingency:** The Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee recently (03-01-2024) updated the list of required syllabus statements for all syllabi to include a new statement on religious accommodations. The new version of this required statement is a result of a directive by the Executive Vice President and Provost and can be found here on the [ASC Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#). Please note that the link to religious holidays, holy days and observances at the end of the statement is also required to be included in the syllabus. The Subcommittee thanks you for adding this revised statement to your course syllabus. [Syllabus p. 8]
- *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department include a technology statement in the syllabus making it clear that students are required to have a camera of some sort in order to complete certain requirements of the course. Along those lines, the Subcommittee wonders if a cell phone camera without a solar filter will suffice without damaging its sensor and recommends addressing this in the syllabus if necessary.

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.

I will return Astronomy 2020 to the department queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the Subcommittee's requests.

Should you have any questions about the feedback of the Subcommittee, please feel free to contact Ian Hamilton (faculty Chair of the NMS Subcommittee; cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

Best,
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