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Good afternoon,

On Monday, November 4th, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a new course request for Geography 5701.

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

- **Recommendation:** The Subcommittee notes that students will be responsible for food costs outside of continental breakfast, if available, at the hotels they will be staying at for their accommodations. They recommend providing a brief note in the syllabus to inform students that one of the course costs will include their meals during the field experience.
- **Recommendation:** The Subcommittee recommends providing the recommend page length expectations for the weather journal assignment (as discussed on page 7 of the syllabus) for students to better understand their workload expectations during this experience.
- **Recommendation:** The Subcommittee recommends changing the phrase “Graduate Assistant Director” to the official university language for graduate student instructors, “Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs)” on page 1 of the syllabus. The reviewing faculty are unclear (but assume) whether this co-instructor is a graduate student within the program or an assistant director that works with graduate students.
- **Recommendation:** The Subcommittee recommends changing the phrase “Community Standards and Student Responsibilities” when referencing the policy students may be referred to if they violate course policies (as found on page 9 of the syllabus). This should instead read “Student Conduct” as that is the office that will be responsible for investigating these circumstances should they arise and the official language utilized at Ohio State.
- **Recommendation:** The Subcommittee recommends updating the Diversity statement (as found on page 14 of the syllabus). This statement was updated for the 2024-2025 academic year and can be found on the [ASC Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#).

The course will advance to the Graduate School.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to Amy Nathanson, faculty Chair of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee, or me.

All my best,
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