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Good morning,

On Tuesday, September 9th, the Arts and Humanities Subcommittee 1 of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a course change request for History 5081.

The Subcommittee approved the request with the following feedback:

- **Comment:** The Subcommittee notes that the course description and learning outcomes no longer align well with the title. The new title of the course is quite narrow considering the broad scope of the course (e.g., Black feminist scholars, community-based artists and educators, oral historians, justice activists) and may limit student interest or cause confusion about the course's focus. The Subcommittee recommends either revising the course description and learning outcomes in the syllabus and curriculum.osu.edu to better reflect the focus of the course (whether it be storytelling, prison abolition, etc.) or reconsidering the title.
- **Comment:** The Subcommittee notes the inclusion of a Land Acknowledgment in the syllabus (p. 20-21). As of 06/27/2025, Land Acknowledgments are no longer permissible on official university documents (including most syllabi) per the university's SB1 Compliance website. The course instructor(s) should consult with their TIU director/chair regarding whether this statement may be included within the syllabus.
- **Recommendation:** Instructors are welcome to include any standard and/or recommended syllabus statements found on the [Office of Undergraduate Education's webpage](#) which they deem relevant for their course. Please refer to this page to ensure that the Diversity statement on p. 20 of the syllabus (now the statement on "Creating an Environment Free from Harassment, Discrimination, and Sexual Misconduct") as well as the email address link in the Religious Accommodations statement (pp. 23-24) are current and accurate.
- **Recommendation:** The Subcommittee notes that the syllabus (p. 7) includes language regarding the use of electronics in class, which appears to be left over from the in-person syllabus. If this is the case, the Subcommittee recommends removing the statement.

As a reminder, *recommendations* (in italics above) should be implemented when the course is next taught. Please respond to this email if the department would like to make the recommended revision to the title. If so, I can return the course to your queue in curriculum.osu.edu to edit the form and syllabus.

Should you have any questions about the feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to Dave Hedgecoth (faculty Chair of the A&H1 Subcommittee) or me.

Best,
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