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Rob, Jill, and Chris-

Good afternoon! Last week, at the Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee meeting, Public Affairs 2000 was on the agenda to be reviewed for the GEN Foundation: Social and Behavioral Sciences category. However, the Subcommittee was unable to review the course, as the required [GEN Submission Form](#) was not uploaded in curriculum.osu.edu with the course. Even though they did not officially review the course, the Subcommittee did notice a few issues with the syllabus that they wanted to pass on the department now so that they could potentially be corrected before the course is submitted a second time:

1. On p. 2 of the syllabus, they note that the GEN Foundation: Social and Behavioral Sciences goals and ELOs have been altered and merged with the course goals and ELOs. GEN Goals and ELOs should always be exactly the same for all courses in a given category. The GEN Goals and ELOs are available in an easy-to-copy/paste format on our website [here](#). Of course, instructors are welcome and encouraged to have course goals and/or ELOs as well, but these should be separate from those for the GEN category.
2. The percentages of the class grade for each assignment on pp. 3 and 4 of the syllabus add up to 105%.
3. The "for example" statement (under Credit Hours and Work Expectations on p. 15 of the syllabus) says students should spend three hours in class and nine hours outside of class per week rather than the normal 3-to-6 ratio.

Please let me know if you have any questions; I will return the course to you in curriculum.osu.edu so that you can attach the form and address the items above.

Best,  
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