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**Re: Concurrence request for Poli Sci 559**From: **Becky Mansfield** (mansfield.32@osu.edu)

Sent: Mon 10/22/07 1:12 PM

To: REBECCA MARTENS (martens.20@osu.edu)

Cc: Morton O'Kelly (okelly.1@osu.edu); weisberg.1@osu.edu; deyoung.1@osu.edu; lee.1307@osu.edu

Dear Rebecca,

This is my follow-up to the message that Morton O'Kelly sent earlier, regarding Geography's concurrence for the PS 559 course proposal.

The proposed course appears to be a good complement to material covered in several different courses in Geography. There is some overlap in terms of content and themes—e.g. the tragedy of the commons, alternative views of growth, evolution of US climate policy, environmental conflict, and law of the sea. However, the material covered in 559 appears to be very much through the specific disciplinary lens of International Relations. As such, this course could be a good complement to courses in Geography, such as 635 (Globalization and Environment). Because the courses are taught from different disciplinary perspectives, the overlap that exists between them would likely be synergistic rather than just repetitive. We will encourage our students to take the proposed course for a different perspective on international environmental issues, and we hope students who take this course would also consider related courses in Geography.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Sincerely,

Becky Mansfield

Chair, Undergraduate Studies

On 10/22/07, **Morton O'Kelly** <okelly.1@osu.edu> wrote:

Rebecca:

With a copy of this e-mail I convey our intention to concur with the PS 559 course proposal.

Rather than paraphrase a comment from our specialists in this area, I have asked our undergraduate curriculum chair (Becky Mansfield) to get in touch with you with a few substantive comments. In that this is an area where we have a similar interests we could potentially generate common interest among students.

She will most likely forward you an e-mail comment, with perhaps a copy to our colleagues in political science.

If our concurrence needs to be in standard form, let us know and we will get signatures together.

Morton O'Kelly

At 11:31 AM 10/16/2007 -0400, REBECCA MARTENS wrote:

>Greetings,

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>The Political Science course 559 proposal from the Political Science

>Department is being vetted through the ASC curricular process. The course

>proposals could be found at:

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><http://artsandsciences.osu.edu/currofc/tracking.cfm?TrackingID=966>

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>I am writing to seek concurrence and ancillary appropriate comments from

>your department. Responses can come from the chair, the undergraduate or

>graduate studies chair(s), or other members of the department as deemed

>important. Spaces are provided on the attached form for departmental and

>curricular representatives of the departments to sign off, but we are glad

>to receive any response so long as it is sanctioned by the department.

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>The course is now going to committee for approval. In order for your

>concurrence and feedback to be included with the course packet material,

>these concurrences need to be received by the ASC Curriculum and

>Assessment Office as soon as possible but no later than Oct 30, 2007.

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>Please inform me if:

>- your department requires additional time to review the concurrence requests

>- you do not feel this concurrence is relevant to your department.

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>Thank you.

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>Sophia

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