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To: General Studies Council

From: Humanities, Arts and Design Subcommittee
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Re: Recommendations for Course Proposals for HU designation

Course Recommendations

Approve for HU designation

ASU

ENG 329	19th-Century British Fiction (Topic: Empire and Adventure in Victorian Fiction) (mandatory review)
ENG 333	American Ethnic Literature (Topic:Multi Ethnic Literature) (mandatory review)
ENG 333	American Ethnic Literature (topic: Jewish Writers and the Cold War) (mandatory review)
ENG 378	Environmental Creative Nonfiction (Topic: Place and Sense of Place) (mandatory review)

Revise and Resubmit

ASU

HST 306	Studies in US History (The U.S. Presidency)
Rationale:	This is a resubmit and we're asking for more revisions. The concerns of the committee were answered, but in the checklist comments. We'd like to see the HU criteria integrated into the syllabus. For example, in the column for evidence for criteria 2, there is reference to Slack assignments and engagement with the speeches that students listen to: "This engagement may be textual, auditory, or visual/auditory. Students not only examine the effect of the text of the speech, but also its delivery, and the type of media used, in order to assess the impact of citizens' processing of rhetoric on changes in American political thought and democratic traditions." Yet

	there is no mention of Slack assignments or the speeches in particular in the syllabus. The syllabus is the final word on course content and outlines student expectations, thus, that's where we would expect to find the evidence for the criteria.
ENG 422	Special Topics in Shakespeare (Topic: Hamlet and Its Afterlives) (mandatory review)
Rationale:	Ok, this is Shakespeare, so one would expect this course to self-evidently be an HU. However, the subcommittee finds the syllabus to be very thin: what do students do for the essays and the exams? There is no evidence of analysis or interpretation. This course probably does fit the HU criteria, but we don't have evidence of it.
CEL 475	Statesmanship & American Grand Strategy (new)
Rationale:	We will assume that the blank paperwork is the result of error.