

## **Social-Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee Report**

**Date:** 9/2/2020

**To:** General Studies Council

**From:** Social-Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee  
Katherine Antonucci, Marie Wallace, Michael Mokwa, *Chair*

**Re:** Recommendations for Course Proposals for SB Designation

### **Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB)**

#### **Recommend Approve**

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##### **HST 302 Studies in History (The Communist Experience in the 20th Century) new topic**

This proposal for each course was developed and documented effectively. The syllabus for each is presented effectively and is aligned well with the proposal. There is a significant focus on studying and understanding human interaction with socio-behavioral perspectives, theory, and research grounding the material and student work.

##### **HST 306 Studies in United States History (American Slavery and the Freedom Struggle) new topic**

The proposal and syllabus did an excellent job documenting the social-behavioral understanding students will gain around the complexities of slavery. Our approval of this course does not extend to other HST 306 topics courses.

#### **Recommend Revise and Resubmit**

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##### **HST 306 American Political Conspiracy (mandatory review)**

Rationale: This is an interesting course that may meet SB requirements. The fundamental subject of political conspiracies obviously would involve human interactive behaviors. Both the proposal and the syllabus are developed well but do not align well. While the proposal suggests extensive emphasis on SB, the substantive content and “work” requirements in the syllabus do not clearly and explicitly demonstrate this. An institutional perspective appears to dominate the socio-behavioral perspective in the syllabus.