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TO: Randall Hannum, Chair of the College Council Curriculum Committee

FROM: Curriculum Subcommittee
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RE: Final Report for Proposal 15-15: COM 2404 - Interpersonal Communication

COURSE NUMBER: COM 2404
COURSE TITLE: Interpersonal Communication
CREDIT HOURS: 3 Credits; 3 Hours
PRE-REQUISITES: COM 1330 - Public Speaking

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A communication course providing students with important knowledge of, and training in, communication between individuals across varying sociocultural contexts and case scenarios. This course covers the following topics: verbal and nonverbal communication, cross-cultural and familial communication, cyberspace communication, and organizational communication.

Rationale:

Interpersonal Communication is a growing and central subject in Communication Studies. This course would provide students with practical skills in Communication Studies that are broader and more inclusive than the Humanities Department's existing course offerings in international and intercultural communication. In addition, this course will be an important part of the Humanities Department's plan to develop a Communication major.

Strengths:

As a course that focuses on studying factors that affect the basic forms of human communication across a diverse range of social, cultural, and organizational contexts COM 2404 promises to serve the needs and interest of a broad spectrum of students in baccalaureate degree programs, particularly those in the School of Professional Studies. Since many students take COM 1330 (COM 2404's prerequisite) to fulfill their College Option General Education Core requirement, this course will be readily available to many City Tech baccalaureate students.

Weaknesses:

None

Issues and Concerns Discussed and Resolved:

The subcommittee offered several suggestion for improvement to the proposer. All suggestions were accepted and made. These are reflected in the current proposal.

Subcommittee Activities:

In addition to communicating its suggestions for improvement, the subcommittee met with the proposer, Dr. Zheng Zhu; Dr. Ann Delikan, chair of the Humanities Department; Provost Bonne August; Associate Provost Pamela Brown; Dean Justin Vazquez-Poritz; and Kim Cardascia. A suggestion for a minor modification was suggested at this meeting. That suggestion is reflected in the final version of the proposal.