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Dear Laureen,

I apologize for my delayed response.

This sounds like it could be a fantastic course, and I can't think of a better pair of faculty to develop it.

Just a fun observation-- when you discuss the terror of time, it might be fun to mention entropy. The thermodynamics 2nd law that the entropy in a closed system can never decrease-- it can only increase or stay the same-- is what gives the arrow of time meaning, but I suppose is also the root cause for the terror of time.

Once the course proposal is approved at a Social Science Departmental meeting and signed by Eric, please email it to me and I'll sign it and submit it to the Curriculum Committee. The attached new course form has hyperlinks to the Library form and the ID proposal form which should be filled out as well. Maybe the easiest way is for me to let the Curriculum Chair know that this course is being considered for ID, so then she can let us know if she'll coordinate with ID on it given that they'll need to report the outcome to Curriculum.

I suggest focusing on that first, and pathways later since we first need to get the course approved by the college before we submit it to pathways. Also, if it's ID it will get students so I think making it pathways is of secondary importance anyway. However, if you would like to pursue then let me know and I'm happy to walk you through that.

Also happy to meet if you would like to chat about it and get my suggestions, though it looks to me like this type of course should go smoothly.

Best wishes,
Justin

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Hi Justin,

I hope you're having a good summer. I spoke with Eric about a new class that Prof. Anzalone and I have been developing. I would like your guidance and help in shaping this course which has been a labor of love for Phillip and me. It will be called, "Philosophy of the Built Environment" and will be co-taught. Eric tells me that you can also help us with the Pathways application. We would like to apply for the IS bucket. I've applied for Pathways for several courses in Philosophy, but it has been a while, and I'm not sure if there are any changes to the procedures, etc.

I'm attaching drafts of both the course outline and bibliography for the course. It is not quite finalized, but I wanted to reach out before the curriculum committee's deadline for applying for new courses, and wanted to attach the draft documents to give you a sense of what we were envisioning.

Thank you in advance for your feedback and help. What might be the next steps?

Best,
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