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TO: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
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FROM: Lucille Chia, Chair *Lucille Chia*
CHASS Executive Committee

RE: Proposal by the Committee on Courses of Proposed New General Rules and Policies
Governing Course of Instruction

The CHASS Executive Committee Proposal by the Committee on Courses of proposed New General Rules and Policies Governing Course of Instruction at the regular meeting on May 20, 2020 via zoom. The CHASS Executive Committee finds that the proposal contains a number of important revisions, which seem to make good sense and improve the consistency of existing regulations. For instance, it is now clear when syllabuses may be required and rationale is given for requiring them. Furthermore, in-person, hybrid, and online courses now have clearly stated (and reasonable) definitions with requirements also explained.

Of some interest to current members may be the explicit explanations of when and why courses that have not been offered for a while may be requested to be deleted and how departments may keep these courses (too long to summarize here). Also, with regard to music/studio classes, the ratio of hours to units may differ from other classes, depending also on whether the studio work is supervised or unsupervised. There have been questions in our committee meetings on hours that do not seem to match units, and this may help explain a field/discipline specific practice for performing arts, etc. Many of the changes seemed to be very logical "housekeeping" to update existing policies to better fit current conditions.

One minor comment: it would be much easier for those charged with evaluating the proposed revisions if they are presented in the way to compare the revised rules with the original (supposedly outdated) rules, which will help us understand the motivations of the proposed changes. Perhaps such a way of the presentation matters, for, as the committee emphasizes, the rules are "a living document," and we expect further revisions in the future.