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From: Michael Harris
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 12:54 PM
To: Philip Lewin
Subject: RE: Course Conflict?

Phillip,

Thanks very much for asking anthropology to review your course. It looks like an excellent contribution to offerings in the social sciences at FAU and the Department of Anthropology has no objections to the course being offered.

Best,
Michael Harris
Chair, Anthropology

From: Philip Lewin
Sent: Monday, October 29, 2018 12:42 PM
To: Michael Harris <mharris@fau.edu>
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Dear Mike,

I hope this email finds you well. It's been some time since I've bumped into you on campus.

I am writing because I brought one of my new courses to UPC today, SYA 4663 – Youth Subcultures, and a committee member indicated that I should reach out to your department before moving it forward. While I looked through the course catalog did not see any existing Anthropology courses that share its description or content, I do want to check with your faculty to ensure there are no concerns.

Would your department be willing to examine my course and, if there is no major concerns or objections, send a note supporting its approval by the UPC committee? If you have any concerns about the course, please let me know, and I will address them. I apologize for not reaching out to you before the meeting.

I have appended the syllabus to this email. In brief, the course examines a variety of historical and contemporary youth subcultures. It focuses on sociological theory, using subcultures as a window through which to examine theories of deviance, culture formation, stratification and class conflict, identity construction, etc. It also examines several substantive areas subculture scholars have identified as important, e.g. the pursuit of hipness and authenticity. Lastly, it examines whether subcultures reproduce or transform the class, racial, gender, etc. hierarchies that exist in so-called "dominant" society.

Many thanks for your time, and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about the course.

All the best,
Phil

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