

## Lesseur, Shawna

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**From:** Naples, Nancy  
**Sent:** Friday, December 06, 2013 9:06 AM  
**To:** Lesseur, Shawna  
**Subject:** RE: FYE Course

Dear Shawna,

Thanks for checking in with WGSS. I've surveyed some of my faculty who agree that this would be a good course offering. The write up could be tempered a little so that it doesn't give the impression that each "identity" is fixed – and we know that Fleurette gets this

**COURSE OVERVIEW:**

Through facilitated discussions, interactive activities, reading and media students will learn about the spectrum and diversity of gender identities, gender expressions and sexual orientations, inclusive of heterosexuals and cisgender people. Each student will learn about the critical and political issues associated with each identity.

**PERHAPS REVISE AS FOLLOWS:**

Through facilitated discussions, interactive activities, reading and media students will learn about the spectrum and diversity of gender identities, gender expressions and sexual orientations, inclusive of heterosexuals and cisgender people, and **the significant critical and political issues. [or something like that]**

Regarding a way to link with WGSS, we could ask Fleurette if we could send a representative from WGSS to discuss our major and minor that would be most helpful for using this FYE courses as a potential gateway to WGSS courses.

Thanks again, Nancy

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**From:** Lesseur, Shawna  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 05, 2013 5:44 PM  
**To:** Naples, Nancy  
**Subject:** RE: FYE Course

Dear Nancy,

I just wanted to check in with you to clarify, in case Fleurette didn't have the opportunity to fill you in on the details of the process she is going through. As you know, I am in charge of curriculum for FYP&LC. One of the best elements of this job is that I get to represent instructors proposing 1820 courses when their proposals go up for review with our courses and curriculum committee.

Fleurette proposed a course called "Pink, Blue and the Spectrum" that I brought to the previous committee meeting (we meet three times each semester). The committee felt like it was a strong course that they would approve. However, there was concern that it covers content that is important to WGSS classrooms. Before approving the course the committee requested that she check with you to make sure that you feel like this offering would enhance the current course offerings at the university and perhaps even lead students into WGSS courses in the future. If you feel, however, that

the proposed course is merely replicating something you already offer and would take away students from your courses we would not approve the course to run.

I have attached the proposal form and syllabus draft to this email. I'll be bringing this back to the committee tomorrow afternoon to see if it should be run in spring 2014. If you are behind this 1-credit 1820 course proposal I will be able to get it on the books as early as Monday. But if this is not the best approach to delivering this material at this university, in your expert opinion, the committee and I will not allow it to move forward.

Thank you for your thoughts.

Best,  
Shawna

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**From:** King, Fleurette  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 04, 2013 6:21 PM  
**To:** Naples, Nancy  
**Cc:** Lesseur, Shawna  
**Subject:** RE: FYE Course

Hello Nancy,  
I hope all is well. I am not sure if you had the opportunity to review the FYE course and send a note to Shawna Lesseur. However, after looking at the previous e-mail listed below, I realized that I put an incorrect e-mail link. So I apologize if you did send a response. If you do not mind, please send a response to [Shawna.lesseur@uconn.edu](mailto:Shawna.lesseur@uconn.edu). She needs to hear from before her meeting on Friday. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Sincerely,

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*~Jeffrey Montgomery*

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**From:** King, Fleurette

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2013 9:25 AM

**To:** Naples, Nancy

**Subject:** FYE Course

**Importance:** High

Hello Nancy,

I hope all is well. As mentioned, the FYE department would like a note indicating that the FYE course that I have updated and proposed is not a conflict or overlap with any of the courses with WGSS. I have attached a copy of the syllabus. I am open to any suggestions. If you feel that there is no overlap or conflict, please send a note to [shawn.lesseur@uconn.edu](mailto:shawn.lesseur@uconn.edu). I appreciate your support and expertise.

Sincerely,

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