

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Anthropology Department Meeting
March 30, 2011**

MINUTES

Present: B. Gibson, A. Mannen, R. Otero, M. Waters

Meeting began at: 2:30 p.m.

Enrollment Update/Future Scheduling/Course Prioritization

The department's enrollment for spring 2011 was well above cap and continues to be solid. Faculty reported that they still have very large classes. Online sections also continue to have strong enrollments.

The dean discussed cuts already made to summer and briefed the department on the budgetary scenarios under review at this time by the college. She asked the faculty to consider a prioritization of course offerings for the next couple of years that would focus on essential general education requirements and core courses for the Anthropology major.

Curriculum – Major revisions/Audit List of Courses

The department is current with their course reviews. The faculty were asked to review the major and consider the reduction in units to 18. However, with the anticipated transfer model curriculum proposal for all disciplines, changes or revisions to the current major should be deferred until later. The department was encouraged to engage in the statewide discussions when anthropology review commences.

SLOs—Assessment/4-Year Cycle

Angela Mannen reported that Anthropology 4,5 & 6 are being assessed this semester. She also stated that the department is on target for the next program review.

Department Web Page

G. Miranda gave the faculty the department web page that has been prepared by W. Lozano and asked if they had revisions or additional information they wanted added to their web page. The dean asked that they submit any comments to Wendy. B. Gibson was pleased with the addition of a museum page and indicated he had a photo of the museum he planned to send Wendy to insert.

Department Activities:

Anthropology Club—A. Mannen reported that the Anthropology Club has over 20 regular members and is very active and enthusiastic. The club is hosting a guest presentation on March 31st by former ECC student Celso Jaques. There are several other activities planned for the remainder of the semester including a zoo trip on May 7th. Faculty also discussed the possibility of holding a future Careers Workshop in conjunction with the division counselor, Yamonte Cooper.

Anthro Chats—The first presentation to be held on April 7th will be on the theme topic "Culture, Consumerism and Mana" at 1 p.m. in ARTB 334. Angela and Rodolfo will prepare slides and a video for this presentation. The second Anthro Chat is tentatively scheduled for May 5th. The faculty also stated

that M. Braun is interested in collaboration between Psychology and Anthropology in one of the future chats.

Student Symposium—The symposium is scheduled for May 13th from 1-3:30 p.m. The deadline for student submissions is April 29th. Faculty met on March 24 and hosted a symposium workshop attended by several students interested in submitting papers for the program.

M. Waters stated that one of the department's anthropology majors attended the Honors Transfer Programs conference at UC Irvine this month and did very well.

Anthro Museum

B. Gibson reported that the current guitar exhibit has attracted considerable interest and visits to the museum. He reported briefly on the current situation with the museum remodeling project which will require that M. Salazar provide liability insurance in order to move ahead with the project. The insurance issue is being handled by El Camino but no further status reports have been received on the remodel.

Media/Supply Needs

The faculty was directed to submit requests for media purchases to Maria. However, the deadline for this year's requests is Friday, April 1st. Requests submitted after the deadline would be put on hold until the next academic year.

The division office has purchased additional skulls requested by R. Otero.

B. Gibson stated that the Anthropology Museum office is in need of a computer upgrade. The current computer runs very slowly. The request will need to be placed in the department's plan for future consideration.

Other Items

Eighteen students attended the last S.I. session. The plan will be to continue with S.I. coaches for sections of Anthropology 1 next fall semester unless funding is suspended.

Meeting adjourned at: 3:20 p.m.

cc: T. Fallo
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