



**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Anthropology Department Meeting  
September 4, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Blair Gibson, Chris Gold, Cheryl Kroll, Angela Mannen, Rodolfo Otero, Marianne Waters

**Meeting began at:** 1:00 p.m.

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**I) Scheduling, Enrollment and Curriculum**

- The department reviewed the course offerings over the past five years.
- Student interest and enrollment has shifted away from ANTH 2 (cultural) and towards ANTH 1 (physical). Scheduling has been adjusted to reflect this. This fall there will be 10 Anthropology 1 sections and 5 Anthropology 2 sections.
- We reviewed the specialty courses and the cancelations over the past few years. We discussed ways to revive enrollment.
  - Anthropology 8 (Mesoamerica) and Anthropology 12 (Ancient Civilizations) will be inactivated. They have been canceled several times over the past 5 years and have had low enrollment when they were offered. By inactivating these courses, we hope to support enrollment in the other specialty courses.
  - For Anthropology 6 Native Peoples of North America, Angela Mannen will develop the class to be offered online. We will try offering it online in Fall 2019.
  - For Anthropology 7 Native Peoples of South America, Rodolfo Otero will consider the possibility of a link. Possible links include English or Spanish.
  - For Anthropology 9 Women, Culture and Society, Angela Mannen will develop the class to be offered online. We will try offering it online in Spring 2019. Angela will consider whether she would like to link the course through FYE or SER in the future.
- We discussed the possibilities of reviving medical and/or forensic anthropology in the future after the dust settles with these changes. Students may be more interested in the practical applications of Anthropology.
- Chris will explore the possibilities of links through FYE or SER.

**II) BSS Building Planning: Anthropology Lab**

- Planning for the new BSS building is moving quickly and we need to make sure that we give the architect all our requests for the Anthropology Lab soon.
- We reviewed the existing requests for the construction of the new Anthropology Lab. In addition, we need dirt catchers in the drains for the dirt labs in the archaeology class.
- Marianne Waters will collect information about how much storage will be needed and the kinds of cabinetry and shelving that would be best. She will also consider what would be the best furniture for the room.

### III) Arts Building Planning: Anthropology Museum

- We reviewed the existing space used for the Anthropology Museum and discussed what will be needed in the new museum. The space allotted (2,000 ft<sup>2</sup>) is sufficient. We would like to have the environmental controls that would allow for borrowing collections.
- The department will consider the following questions for our next meeting:
  - How much storage space will the museum need?
  - How big does the workspace need to be?
  - How should the 2,000 square feet be divided up?
  - Can the museum share a workspace and tools with the art museum?
  - Does the museum need access to a loading dock?

### IV) Counselor's Report

- Sept. 4-18 is the filing period for degrees. Students need to meet with counselors.
- Counseling has a new scheduling system and a new online orientation.
- The college is instituting changes in response to the AB705. As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will not be using a placement test and placement will be based on student transcripts.

We will meet again, two-thirds of the way through the semester in order to discuss the lab and museum again.

### Department Activities

The annual Dia de los Muertos – A Celebration of Life event is set for Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> on the Library Lawn. The department hopes to once again schedule traditional dancers (folklorico and an Aztec dance group), merchandise vendors, and face-painting by our own cosmetology students. In addition, they plan on displaying the student-made craft items and examples of *ofrendas*. They are planning on hosting a presentation on the history and symbolism of this tradition followed by several craft workshops in mid-October. Dates TBD.

**Meeting adjourned at:** 2:00 p.m.

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