

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Anthropology Department Meeting
April 22, 2014**

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

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Scheduling

Spring semester department enrollments have remained solid since census with the exception of a couple of sections – ANTH 1 and ANTH 2 which are Friday and second 8 week classes.

Spring scheduling is in the development stage with full-time assignments submitted to the division office. The possibility of adding more distance education sections was discussed since only two full-time instructors (Mannen and Waters) are teaching online. Adjuncts who are Etudes trained may be offered future online assignments.

The department has been able to increase its section offerings in recent semesters. If the growth trend continues, the possibility of requesting a full-time position will be given consideration.

SLO Assessments

The department is scheduled to assess ANTH 2 #, ANTH 3 #1, ANTH 4 #1, ANTH 6 #2 and ANTH 9 #2 this semester. R. Otero pointed out that the department also needs to meet to discuss previous assessment results for the PLO and ANTH 2. R. Otero also reminded faculty that they will need to track the TracDat training so they can input their assessment results.

Local and State MQs

The review of the disparity in local vs. State MQs was reviewed and faculty decided that they prefer to maintain the local minimum qualifications requirements for teaching Anthropology. The current local MQ requires a Master's in anthropology or archeology or the equivalent. The state standard not only requires the MA in anthropology or archeology but adds a Bachelor's in anthropology or archeology and a Master's in sociology, biological sciences, forensic sciences, genetics or paleontology or the equivalent. The department's faculty stated that the emphasis of these other disciplines is different from anthropology and noted that sufficient graduate course work in anthropology is essential to meet the minimum level of preparation to teach anthropology or archeology.

Curriculum

The department received the six year course review timeline. Only one course is scheduled for course review in fall 2014. ANTH 7 is ready to be submitted to the College Curriculum Committee. Three courses—ANTH 6, 9 and 11 are due in spring 2015. Faculty will be receiving these outlines soon in order to keep ahead of the review cycle.

Anthropology Degrees

The faculty also received copies of the 2008-2013 degree trends report. During that five year period the number of degrees in the discipline has been very low until 2012-13 when they increased from three to fifteen. With the approval of the Anthropology A.A.-T degree it is expected to increase.

Success and Retention Rates

The dean distributed summer and fall 2013 success and retention data for their review. To compare data from previous semesters the faculty was directed to check the Institutional Research Office's database where they are located. The dean will continue to monitor consistently lower success rates and address faculty individually as needed.

Anthropology Museum

B. Gibson reported that the majority of museum display cases have been filled mainly with ceramics but also some textiles. The ceramics include prehistoric items of the Americas and some Polynesian, Micronesian and Southwestern ones. Student workers are currently created the labels for the display cases.

Department Activities

The 11th annual Anthropology Student Symposium is scheduled for this Friday, April 25th from 1-3:30 p.m. in Haag Recital Hall. Seven-eight students are scheduled to present their research papers. This year's judges include three adjuncts and Blair Gibson. A large turnout is expected.

The department has been quite active this semester with two guest professor presentations and two by former students. R. Otero and A. Mannen are planning an Anthro Chat possibly next week.

Anthropology Club

The club is fundraising to increase the size of prize money available next year for the Anthro Symposium. Club members have also made a trip to the zoo and attended the Pow Wow at CSU Long Beach this semester.

Other

B. Gibson has been invited to give a paper in Poland later this year on his research on nation state formation in Ireland.

R. Otero reported that half of the ceiling lights in ArtB 311 are not working. M. Waters discussed the need to upgrade ArtB 334 with new cabinet displays of the four sub-fields in Anthropology which could await the scheduled construction of a new ArtB building in several years.

The department's request for ANTH 5 display cabinets is included in this year's plan builder priorities as is the request for additional track lighting for the museum. With the last approval only part of the museum lights were updated.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:50 p.m.

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