

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Anthropology Department Meeting  
March 5, 2013**

**MINUTES**

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

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

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**Course Scheduling Rotation**

The department discussed their concerns regarding assignments for teaching Honors sections of Physical and Cultural Anthropology. Only two of the four faculty members have been asked to continue to alternate the HTP assignments (Otero and Waters). B. Gibson and A. Mannen expressed interest in teaching HTP sections as well. Discussions with the HTP director have not clarified the decision on assignments. So, the department agreed to not participate in the program in Fall 2013.

M. Waters requested that additional sections of the Physical Anthropology Lab course be added to scheduling, perhaps as early as spring 2014. With the forthcoming new transfer degree, ANTH 5 will be one of the course options available for students to fulfill the Anthropology major requirements. M. Waters reported that she already has high demand for this course and turns away students every semester.

The department recommended advertising for an adjunct who would teach the lab course if additional sections are to be offered.

The department also requested that ANTH 10 (Medical Anthropology) be included in the scheduling rotation beginning in spring 2014 and then by fall 2014. J. Parikh has taught the course before and R. Otero expressed interest in teaching ANTH 10 by fall 2014.

**Adjunct Assignments/Part Time Issue**

The dean and faculty discussed a personnel issue with the conduct of one of the longtime adjuncts. They also suggested including K. Oguri and G. Simon for future assignments if additional part-timers are needed to teach courses.

**SLO Assessments**

ANTH 6 (Native Peoples of North America) and ANTH 9 (Women, Culture and Society) are scheduled to be assessed this semester. B. Gibson is completing the results for ANTH 3 (Archeology) which was conducted in fall 2012. Completion of the two courses this spring will bring the department to 100% in course assessments.

**Curriculum/TMC**

The department is current with course review but will receive courses to be reviewed for 2014 soon in order to maintain the review cycle ahead of the timelines. Faculty discussed courses to be included in the Anthropology transfer studies degree. A preliminary draft was submitted at the end of the meeting to the dean who will review it with L. Suekawa. The goal is to submit the TMC this semester.

## **Museum Status**

The department is concerned that with the decision by B. Gibson to discontinue teaching the Introduction to Museum Studies course in fall 2013 that the annual exhibits designed by students will leave a significant void in that the museum was a complement to Anthropology classes. B. Gibson has been the unofficial (and unpaid) curator for many years and has spent countless hours in oversight of the facility. Requests for release time (of 20%) have been placed in plan builder over the years.

Faculty discussed the possibility of having a part-timer teach the course in the future. Other suggestions included having the Anthropology Club participate in the use of the museum or having an HTP section install an exhibit. The dean will discuss the issue further with the VPAA.

## **Department Activity**

The annual Anthropology Symposium is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>. The symposium will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This year's theme is traditional healing. The Anthropology Club has \$1,000 in its account which will largely go to monetary awards for the symposium winners. The club will continue to fundraise to increase funds.

Faculty will be conducting workshops for students interested in participating in the symposium. Additionally, a series of guest speakers will give talks leading up to the symposium.

R. Otero stated that perhaps one Anthro Chat will be offered this semester that will focus on the theme of healing.

## **Supplies**

The department is awaiting the skull collection which was recently approved and funded by block funds.

The department would like to purchase some cultural videos. The dean asked that their requests be sent to Maria in the office as soon as possible.

Angela Mannen asked if there were certificate holders available for the symposium. They need about twenty. If not, she asked if the division could purchase them.

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