

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Anthropology Department
March 9, 2008**

Minutes

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

Meeting began at: 3:30 p.m.

Enrollment and Future Scheduling

The department's fill rate by the end of the second week of the semester reached 107% with a general trend of strong enrollments in all sections. In fall 2009 Anthropology 7 will be included in the department's offerings. The class was cancelled this semester due to budget reductions. Anthropology 6 will follow in spring 2010. J. Parikh's name was suggested to teach Anthropology 2 online in the future.

Curriculum

Anthropology 8 is undergoing course review. Two new course proposals submitted by B. Gibson will also be reviewed by the Division Curriculum Committee (DCC) this semester with the expectation of presenting them to the College Curriculum Committee (CCC) in fall 2009.

Course Audit List

The department agreed that Anthropology 4 and 5 should be added to the list of courses not available for audit. Anthropology 10 will be added to the courses available to audit list.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO)

The department has written 3 program level SLOs; course level SLOs have been written for Anthropology 1, 2, and 7. Anthropology 6, 8, and 9 are in progress and M. Womack will do Anthropology 10. Yet to be written are SLOs for Anthropology 3 and 4. Assessments need to be initiated. The dean asked that copies of all completed SLOs be provided to the division office.

Plan Builder/Program Review

All department recommendations from program review have been included in plan builder. In particular, supply and equipment needs for Anthropology 5 (Physical Anthropology lab course) and the museum. In addition, a request for release time for a museum curator is in this year's plan.

Anthropology Museum

The current exhibit on body modification has been well received. B. Gibson also reported on essential upgrades that are needed to maintain the museum which is over thirty-five years old. The requests are in plan builder.

Anthropology Club

A. Mannen reported that there was a very good turnout for club rush. The club is sponsoring the Anthropology Symposium which will be held on May 15th in the Haag Recital Hall.

Anthropology Chats

At least two chats are scheduled for March and April with a possible third chat in May.

Equipment, Supplies and Media Needs

G. Miranda reported that the Teacher Education Program (TEP) grant will be able to fund a smart classroom and ArtB 334 has been designated as the first choice. A VCR is also needed for ArtB 334.

The museum is in need of new display cases. A tuner/CD player would also be important for the museum.

R. Otero has requested a world map for ArtB 317. Waters asked if the existing storage cabinet in ArtB 322 could be replaced with a larger one. The smaller one is inadequate for storing lab materials. Also, if possible, the room could use a bulletin board. A. Mannen would like to update and upgrade the bulletin board in ArtB 334. G. Miranda asked her to contact Maria regarding materials she would need.

The overhead projector in ArtB 354 is also dim; a new one is needed.

M. Waters suggested purchasing the video, "The Linguists" for use in her Anthropology 4 class but will preview it first before recommending purchasing it since it is quite expensive.

Department Activities

B. Gibson will be attending a conference as well as organizing a seminar this semester. R. Otero will continue to work on his dissertation.

The department may be hosting a speaker from USC who would speak on Margaret Mead. An additional possible speaker is a graduate student from CSULA whose presentation would focus on mass graves.

M. Waters volunteered to develop a website for the department.

Other

M. Waters reported that there is an issue with the display panel in ArtB 322. B. Gibson noted that the LCD projector in ArtB 305 does not project red when connected to a laptop.

G. Miranda directed B. Gibson to request removal of excess items in the museum office by contacting Maria.

A. Mannen pointed out that she was informed by a student who wishes to major in Anthropology that he was dissuaded by an El Camino College counselor who recommended instead obtaining a general studies A.A. The department was concerned because there are a number of interested students wanting to major in Anthropology. They discussed preparing a careers in Anthropology flyer to advertise the discipline to students.

Meeting adjourned at: 4:30 p.m.

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