October 31, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Edward Montgomery
Dean, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

FROM: Phyllis Peres
Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to modify the M.A.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Anthropology (PCC log no. 08014)

In its meeting today, the Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula and Courses unanimously approved your proposal to modify the curriculum of the M.A.A and Ph.D. in Anthropology. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The changes are effective Spring 2009. The College should ensure that the changes are fully described in the Graduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials, and that all advisors are informed.

CWR/

Enclosure

cc: Carmen Balthrop, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
Reka Montfort, University Senate
Barbara Hope, Data Administration
Denise Nadasen, Institutional Research & Planning
Anne Turkos, Archives
Linda Yoko, Office of the Registrar
Thomas Castonguay, Graduate School
Robert Schwab, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Paul Shackel, Department of Anthropology
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

DIRECTIONS:
- Provide one form with original approval signatures in lines 1 - 4 for each proposed action. Keep this form to one page in length.
- Early consultation with the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs is strongly recommended if there are questions or concerns, particularly with new programs.
- Please submit the signed form to Claudia Rector, Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.
- Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu.

DATE SUBMITTED 8/25/08

PCC LOG NO. 08014

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PROPOSED ACTION (A separate form for each) ADD___ DELETE____ CHANGE_X____

DESCRIPTION (Provide a succinct account of the proposed action. Details should be provided in an attachment. Provide old and new sample programs for curriculum changes.)

The Department of Anthropology proposes adding ANTH670 and ANTH740 as required courses for graduate students and removing ANTH610, ANTH640, and ANTH650 as required courses for graduate students.

JUSTIFICATION/REASONS/RESOURCES (Briefly explain the reason for the proposed action. Identify the source of new resources that may be required. Details should be provided in an attachment.)

This proposal replaces the option of two subject-specific requirements for cultural anthropology, ANTH610 and ANTH650, with a single requirement, ANTH670, allowing the Department to include a broader range of material in an integrated context. Similarly, replacing the current archaeology requirement, ANTH640, with the new archaeology requirement, ANTH740 allows the Department to provide a comprehensive review of contemporary archaeological theory and practice.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date

1. Department Committee Chair  Eve Chambers  8/25/08

2. Department Chair  Paul A. Shackel  8/25/08

3. College/School PCC Chair  Martha E. Geores  10/2/08

4. Dean  Katharine P. Brandtley  10/2/08

5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)  6. Chair, Senate PCC  7. Chair of Senate  8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost  Phyllis Perez  10/31/08

VPAAP 8-05
Justification of Curricula Change Proposal

In considering current course requirements for the MAA and PhD graduate programs the faculty of the Department of Anthropology have identified several curriculum changes supporting the goal of providing a comprehensive education in anthropology, including biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, and archaeology. The faculty has determined that the current requirements for courses on the anthropology of health and the anthropology of the environment compromise the ability of the faculty to provide an integrative understanding of the theory and practice of socio-cultural anthropology. In addition, critical theory for archaeology has been taught in a separate course from the review of archaeological theory and practice. A single course could provide a comprehensive review of archaeological theory and practice. On 2 April 2008, the faculty unanimously approved a motion to add ANTH670 and ANTH740 and remove ANTH610, ANTH640, and ANTH650 as required courses for graduate students. These changes support the goal of the Department to provide a rigorous, “four-field” education in anthropology to all graduate students.

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ANTH740- Theories of the Past and Accomplishments of Archaeology

The purpose of the course is to highlight some of the key achievements made by archaeologists in informing question of interest to society from 1850 on. Key achievements include how archaeologists understand elements of the past thought to be central to the development of modern society. A second purpose of the course it to introduce students to the theories used to understand the place of the past in society and the function of answers to questions thought central to modern social life.

ANTH670- Current Developments in Anthropological Theory

This class is a review of major contributions to anthropological theory, with a special emphasis on the relationship between practice and theory. It includes use of concepts of culture in the four traditional subfields, fieldwork and grounded theory, and significant advances in general theory, symbolic anthropology, critical theory, and postmodernism.