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TO: Susan Kalter, Chairperson, Academic Senate

FROM: Denise Wilson, Chair, Graduate Curriculum Committee

RE: Executive Summary – Proposal from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology for a New Applied Community and Economic Development Sequence in the Master’s Degree in Anthropology

The Graduate Curriculum Committee approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate review the attached proposal to add a new Applied Community and Economic Development Sequence (ACED) in the Master’s Degree in Anthropology

The Department of Anthropology provided the following rationale for adding this new sequence:

- The Applied Community and Economic Development (ACED) sequence in Cultural Anthropology emerged through partnerships between the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Stevenson Center.
- The ACED core complements existing cultural anthropology courses to prepare students to work as professional anthropologists in applied anthropology settings.
- According to a national survey, graduates with an M.A. in cultural anthropology most often find employment in education, outreach, and administration/management. Through a combination of coursework, research, and hands-on experience, graduates of this sequence will be well-positioned to work as professional anthropologists.
- The ACED sequence will appeal to students seeking professional qualifications to work or advance their careers in a variety of public and private agencies.
- The proposed ACED sequence is expected to enroll one to two students per year. This small increase in enrollment will have minimal effect on other campus programs. The Department of Sociology and Anthropology’s operating budget is adequate to support the ACED sequence. The current faculty is adequate to provide instruction for the new sequence; students admitted to the program will take courses already taught in Sociology-Anthropology, Politics and Government, and Economics.
- This sequence allows the Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development and the newly expanded M.A. program in Anthropology to offer a unique and specialized program.

The Graduate Curriculum Committee supports the proposal to add the new Applied Community and Economic Development Sequence in the Master’s degree in Anthropology.

Attachments

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