

To: The Graduate Affairs Committee
From: Susan B. Hyatt on behalf of the Anthropology Department
Date: May 23, 2008
RE: Anthropology MA Program Proposal

To the Members of the Committee:

Thank you very kindly for your feedback on the proposal for the establishment of an MA program in Applied Anthropology at IUPUI. The tenor of the responses was thoughtful and generally positive and I am pleased to re-submit the document incorporating the changes that were suggested. I appreciate your careful review of the document, and believe that your recommendations have strengthened both the document and our vision for the program.

Since I am resubmitting the entire document for your perusal, I call your attention below to the particular sections that were most altered in accordance with your feedback:

- Captstone Requirement
At least two reviewers requested more specificity and detail with respect to the capstone options including both the internship and the thesis. We have added details to our description of both the internship and the thesis; in particular, we have emphasized the importance of ensuring that the internship has a solidly academic, theoretical component (see pp. 10-11);
- Role of Graduate Faculty Advisors
We have added more description of the role of faculty advisors. We realize that, as is the case in most graduate programs, the role of the advisor is a critical one and we recognize the work that is entailed in carrying out this job well (see particularly page 10).

Our undergraduate program is structured very much like we envision the MA program, with students working closely with advisors on their senior projects, many of which constitute documents which are as good or better than many MA theses. We understand that guiding MA theses is also a labor-intensive endeavor but we are enthusiastic about bringing our expertise to more advanced students. As a reflection of the training in research we already offer our undergraduate students, we are proud to note that a disproportionate share of our students are recognized annually with research-related awards, including Crisler and Lunsford Scholarships, UROP and McNair grants. We feel we are in a good position to offer this training to our future MA students.

- Areas of Concentration
As many of you pointed out, Anthropology is a complex discipline incorporating four major sub-fields (though only 3 are represented in our department as we do not have a full-time linguist). Rather than having set tracks for graduate study, which might strain our resources excessively, we have specified what we are calling "Areas of Concentration: See pp. 11-12.
- Clarification of admission standards and programs of study
We have addressed the questions raised pertaining to this issue in the section, "Anticipated student clientele," p. 5.

- Evaluation and Assessment
We have enhanced the sections on "Evaluation" and "Assessment," pages 21-22 and Assessment Matrix diagram.
- We appreciate the remarks of all the reviewers that more resources for our department would be ideal. We are realists, however, and know that new sources for revenue are likely to be constrained for the foreseeable future. Because the Anthropology Department also houses the Museum Studies Program, we have a good sense of what will be involved in getting the new program up and running. We might note that the Museum Studies undergraduate and graduate programs began with one full-time faculty member, Liz Kryder-Reid, who has built it into a highly regarded and nationally recognized program and has brought in new resources to her program and to the department (in the figure of Larry Zimmerman) through the Public Scholars of Civic Engagement initiative. We feel similarly positioned to build on what will be modest beginnings but which we feel confident will become a program that will both hold its own and will enhance the existing MA programs with which we have the closest ties in the School of Liberal Arts, Public History and Museum Studies.

Other issues have been addressed throughout the text of the document. If I can be helpful in addressing any questions, please feel free to contact me:
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Once again, we thank you for your comments and valuable feedback.