Hi Carol—FYI as it relates to Ecampus degree review. Has the CC discussed a policy for this yet? THANKS!!!

Hi Becky and Susie:

Thanks for the e-mail and support of Anthropology offering their degree via Ecampus. I spoke to David McMurray and he will send clarification on how the electives were selected. I also asked him to let us know his plans for using t/tt faculty members for course development and teaching. I suggested that he familiarize himself with the overload policy which I explained will be enforced. He was not aware of this. I'll get back to the group when I hear back from him.

Questions:

1. Do all proposals for programs to be delivered by Ecampus need to now go through Curriculum Council even if the degree/program is already approved and offered on campus? We thought that only new programs (that weren’t already approved and offered on campus) but were being proposed to be delivered through Ecampus would go through curricular review…such as the proposed new General Horticulture option within the existing BS in Horticulture degree.

2. How/when will the University communicate that the overload compensation policy is being enforced? It seems that some departments are aware of this, but others are not.

Thanks for your help.

Lisa

So sorry for the delay. As you know from our conversation recently, I was hoping that these reviews might be done by Curriculum Council. That group would have the best representation of campus and Ecampus curriculum folks. However, things are still at the “review by Becky and Susie” stage.
A quick check on the requirements shows that all core courses, and a sufficient number of electives will be available to students in both delivery formats. The question we have here is similar to the one we had with Women Studies, namely, the elective list is not the same for each delivery method. How were the electives selected for Ecamps delivery? Was it based on what is core to a general degree, or based on interests/expertise? I don’t know, but I suspect the Curriculum Council would ask these same questions.

We are in support of Anthropology offering their degree via Ecamps. While we did not check, it appears that they will not be dependent on their t/tt faculty members for teaching the majority of the courses, addressing our concern about potential overload compensation violation. There is still a question of faculty workload, however, as many developers are t/tt faculty and they will be doing a lot of work between now and Winter 2010 when all new courses will be up and running.

So, what we would really like to see is for us to use this as the trial case for the Curriculum Council. Both Alfonso and Dianna serve on that Committee so I know they can provide the best answers to these questions.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Becky Warner and Susie Brubaker-Cole

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Subject: Anthropology BA online--- proposal  

Hi Becky and Susie:

Attached is a proposal from Anthropology to offer the BA degree online. The responses to the Academic Affairs criteria are embedded in the proposal, but for ease of review we have excerpted the information below with the associated questions.

What is the primary reason for offering the program?

“The Department of Anthropology proposes to expand its online minor to a full degree General Anthropology online program. The General Anthropology degree bridges sciences and the humanities while developing critical thinking, communication, group processes and the ability to work independently. An anthropology degree enables students to pursue a broad range of professions that emphasize cross-cultural awareness, international contacts and management of cultural resources.”

What student audience will benefit from this program?

“The addition of an online Anthropology major to the already existing online Anthropology minor will attract a new student audience as well as provide a venue for current Anthropology minor students who are interested in expanding their minor into a second major. We expect the number of students pursuing an Anthropology major to double – from 90 to 180 – by offering the online General Anthropology major. This is a substantial increase in the number of students pursuing an Anthropology major.”
Has this program been offered in the past year?

“At this time the Anthropology department offers 24 undergraduate Ecampus courses and all of the classes required for an online General Anthropology major, except for one, are already being offered online so we are not expecting this new online major to effect the current level of, or growth in, students enrolled in on-campus Anthropology majors.”

Will it be offered next year; if so, how many sections will be scheduled?

“All of the classes offered for the online major are offered on campus and will continue to be offered on campus at their current frequency.”

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Thanks,

--Lisa

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