

AGENDA

LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 6, 2012

1. APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS/BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Approval of a recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval of a new degree program, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Anthropology, is recommended.

The College of Liberal Arts proposes to offer a bachelor degree program in Anthropology (outlined below). A complete abstract describing the program is in Attachment A. The implementation date is spring 2013.

The primary objectives of the proposed anthropology program are: to meet regional and state needs by providing students the knowledge and skills to succeed in a variety of positions related to anthropology; to prepare students to succeed in graduate study in anthropology, medicine, archaeology, cultural and heritage management, and other closely related fields; to further the University mission specifically through “enhancing civic and cultural awareness” and preparing students “to live wisely in a diverse and global community”; and to meet the standards set forth by the American Anthropological Association.

The proposed program is comprised of 120 semester hours: 51 hours – University Core Curriculum; 33 hours – anthropology and related courses; and 36 hours – University general electives.

It is recommended by the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and has been approved by the University Curriculum Committee, the Academic Planning Council, the Faculty Senate, and the president.

2. REPORT ON ASSESSMENT

President Linda L. M. Bennett and Manager of the Office of Planning, Research, and Assessment Joseph C. Wingo will give an update on assessment at the University of Southern Indiana.

ABSTRACT

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Anthropology

To be offered on-campus by the University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, Indiana

Objectives:

The primary and interrelated purposes of the proposed Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Anthropology are: 1) to meet regional and state needs by providing students the knowledge and skills to succeed in a variety of positions related to anthropology; 2) to prepare students to succeed in graduate study in anthropology, medicine, archaeology, cultural and heritage management, and other closely related fields; 3) to further the University mission of diversity, global awareness, and engagement; and 4) to meet the standards set forth by the American Anthropological Association as related to the University mission.

The specific program goals are: 1) critical analysis - ability to critically analyze social situations using anthropological theory; 2) anthropological knowledge - acquire a broad-based knowledge of principles and practices in all sub-fields of anthropology; 3) effective communication - the ability to communicate effectively in both written and oral formats; 4) anthropology practice - develop the skills necessary to practice anthropology in all the major subfields; and 5) independence and creativity - develop and display the ability to work independently and creatively.

Clientele to be Served:

The proposed anthropology program will accommodate at least five distinct student constituencies: students entering the University of Southern Indiana as first-time college students seeking an anthropological-related career and/or eventual graduate study; current anthropology minor program students continuing coursework to fulfill the major; current students majoring in a related discipline due to anthropology not being available; transfer students from community college social science programs completing a baccalaureate in anthropology; and current students seeking to expand their career marketability by double majoring.

Curriculum:

The proposed program in anthropology is comprised of 120 semester hours in three content areas: 33 hours of anthropology and related courses; 51 hours of University Core Curriculum; and 36 hours of general University electives. The 33 anthropology major hours are distributed as 15 hours of required courses, 12 hours of sub-field courses, and 6 hours of major elective courses. Required and sub-field courses cover all major sub-fields of the discipline, research methods, and theory.

Employment Possibilities:

The anthropology program is designed to prepare students for both direct entry in social science, community service, military, for-profit and non-for-profit business occupations, and in advanced graduate study. In general, cultural and linguistic anthropologists work in federal, state, and local government (including the military), international agencies, healthcare centers, nonprofit associations, research institutes and marketing firms. Physical anthropologists work in biomedical research, human engineering, private genetics laboratories, and pharmaceutical firms. Archaeologists work in environmental projects, human-impact assessment, contract archaeology, and cultural resource management.

Locally, the projected long-term job growth for social science and related occupations in Indiana's Region 11 will outpace that of the state, with 23.8% and 20.3% projected growth, respectively (Indiana Department of Workforce Development, 2010).