Resolution #11
1999-2000
FACULTY SENATE

TO: Dr. Paul Yu, College President

FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on: February 28, 2000

RE: ___ I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
    ___ II. Recommendation (Urging the Fitness of)
    X III. Other, For your Information (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)

SUBJ: Minor Change in Anthropology Major

Signed: ___________________________ Date Sent: 3/29/00
(Thomas Bonner, Faculty Senate President)

TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Paul Yu, College President

RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution
    a. Accepted. Effective Date: ___________
    b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on ___________
    c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II, III. 2. Received and acknowledged
    a. Comment: __________________________

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(President of the College)

Resolution Disc: resform wp6:ayk
TO: Tom Bonner, President  
Faculty Senate

FROM: Larry Kline, Chairman  
Faculty Senate Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

DATE: February 14, 2000

RE: Committee Actions for Approval

Attached are proposals that have been approved by the FS Undergraduate Committee. Would you please distribute them to the Executive Committee for their action and approval on Feb 21 and for subsequent senate approval.

1. The committee approved the proposal from the Communication Department as a minor change. It involved a course change.

2. The committee approved the proposal from the Chemistry Department as a minor change. It involved a change in course selection.

3. The committee approved the proposal from the Anthropology Department as a minor change. It involved a change in course selection.

4. The proposal from the Business and Economics Department was approved as a major change. It involved course changes, course substitutions and GPA requirements. The changes were in response to state regulations regarding the accounting degree and certification.
February 1, 2000

TO: Faculty Senate Undergraduate Committee
FROM: Michael A. Maggiotto, Dean
RE: Change in the Anthropology Major

Enclosed please find a proposal for a minor modification in the Anthropology major. It seems sensible to me for all of the reasons that Dr. Edwards has enumerated. I therefore support the change and recommend it to the committee for its consideration and action.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to expedite the change Anthropology has requested.

MM:kk
Enclosure

cc: Dr. Edwards
TO: Michael Maggotto, Dean
   School of Letters and Sciences

FROM: Charles Edwards, Chair
       Anthropology

RE: Change in Anthropology Major.

DATE: 1/27/2000

Attached is a proposed change in the anthropology major research methods requirements.

1. Background:

   1.1. Anthropology currently has a two option major (which we will retain). Option 1 is a liberal arts track and Option 2 is a pre-grad school / pre-professional track.

   1.2. Currently, requirement D (anthropological methods) in Options 1 and 2 allows students to meet the requirement by taking one of five courses (ANT 394, 403, 405, 441 or 442)

2. Proposed change:

   We wish to change requirement D in options 1 and 2 to require a single course (ANT 394—Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology).

3. Rationales:

   3.1. Major focus: The primary focus of our program is in cultural anthropology. This change will reinforce that focus.

   3.2. Common experience for majors: ANT 394 will provide a unifying and integrating experience for upper level anthropology majors, and will allow us to reinforce disciplinary research and writing in the context of a single course. Also—in the past—ANT 394 has served as a lead-in to Scholars Day, something we wish to expand.

   3.3. Postgraduate concerns: There is a growing market in business and government for anthropology graduates with research experience. ANT 394 will provide our graduates with expanded postgraduate opportunities.

   3.4. Efficiency: In the past, enrollments in our research courses have been low. Requiring a single research methods course will assure higher enrollment in ANT 394, will make better use of faculty and will allow for more effective short term and long term planning.

   3.5. Effect on other methods courses: We will continue to offer the other methods courses on the basis of demand. Students may still apply them to requirements C and E (Option 1) or C and G (Option 2).

My understanding is that this will probably constitute a "minor change" and will thus not require the extended review attending large scale program changes.

The attached documents provide side by side comparisons of existing and proposed options 1 and 2, respectively.
Existing Major, Option I.

Option I. Liberal Arts Anthropology Option (37 credits):

A traditional "stand-alone" major for students who are interested in anthropology but who will probably not enter anthropology as a career, per se. Such students might include those with another major outside of anthropology or students in pre-professional programs such as pre-law, pre-medical, elementary and secondary education certification. Option I provides students with a broad perspective on anthropology by including within it courses in each of the three sub-disciplines (Socio/Cultural Anthropology, Physical/Biological Anthropology and Archaeology).

Option I Major Requirements (37 credits) Credits

A. Introductory courses
   ANT 106 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3)
   ANT 116 Introduction to Archaeology (3)
   ANT 126 Introduction to Human Evolution (3)

B. Intermediate core courses
   ANT 200 Ethnographic Experience (3)
   ANT 370 Anthropological Literature (3)
   ANT 395 Anthropology and Careers (1)

C. Three sub-discipline upper-division courses (9 credits)
   ANT 3400 Physical Anthropology Course (3)
   ANT 3400 Archaeology Course (3)
   ANT 3400 Cultural Anthropology Course (3)

D. One course in anthropological methods such as:
   (3 credits)
   ANT 394 Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology (3)
   ANT 403 Biography and Life History (3)
   ANT 405 Applied Anthropology (3)
   ANT 441 Archaeological Analysis (3)
   ANT 442 Field Methods in Archaeology (3)

E. Additional courses:
   Chosen in consultation with advisor to complete total credits (9)

Proposed revision, Option I.

[Note change in requirement D, below]

Option I. Liberal Arts Anthropology Option (37 credits): same

Option I Major Requirements (37 credits) Credits

A. Introductory courses
   same
   same
   same

B. Intermediate core courses
   same
   same
   same

C. Three sub-discipline upper-division courses (9 credits)
   same
   same
   same

D. Research Methods (3 credits)
   ANT 394 Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology (3)
   [CHANGED REQUIREMENT]

E. Additional courses:
   same