

Anthropology RAC meeting minutes from April 2019

Attendance: Representatives from Kennesaw State, Georgia College and State University, Georgia Southern, Georgia Gwinnett, Columbus State, West Georgia, Augusta University

Meeting called to order by current chair, Susan Kirkpatrick Smith

Approval of 2018 Meeting minutes:

Lisa Gezon (West GA) motion approval. Jennifer Trunzo (Augusta Univ) Seconds. Approved unanimously.

Area F issues:

1) Need Course descriptions for Area F

2) Discussed what is currently listed in the core area on the USG website. Some of the courses do not even exist at some campuses, so we need to figure out why they are there and possible remove them.

3) Do we need to change course numbers and/or titles for uniformity across USG to facilitate guaranteed transfer credits when students stay in same major? We anticipate potential challenges to changing course numbers because of the amount of work it would be in terms of initiating the changes and keeping track of the old numbers and the new until current students have graduated.

4) What is actually required in Area F for Anthro Majors? All major programs represented at the meeting currently require ANTH 1102 Intro to Anthropology or ANTH 2011 Intro to Cultural (though numbers may differ between campuses). Questions were raised about how an Intro to Cultural course prepares students for upper level course work in Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, or Linguistics.

We are contemplating changing the Area F recommendations to Anth 1102 or three separate intro courses: Intro to Cultural Anthropology, Intro to Archaeology, and Intro to Biological Anthropology. This flexibility in Area F needs to exist because some major programs in the USG have far fewer faculty than others, so it would impossible for them to offer three intro courses for three different fields.

As far as other Area F courses go, we believe that each institution should determine their Area F content because some institutions need more science, math, and tech while others can have more social science and humanities; this is determined by the focus of their institution and the number of faculty in their program.

Area F learning outcomes: The RAC decided to leave them alone and come back to them next year.

Credit For Exams such as CLEP, DSST, AP:

Should Anthro programs accept credit for CLEP, DSST, or AP?? Big issue that none of these exams contain an anthro area exam, though the general exam in Social Science and History contains anthro questions. Since there is no guarantee there will be a critical mass of anthro on these exams, should we accept the credit?

The RAC decided to discuss with our departments and bring info to the next RAC meeting on: Acceptable scores at each USG institution for each test and determine if we should accept credit

By-laws review:

Lisa Gezon (West GA) motioned for acceptance. Jenna Andrews-Swann (Georgia Gwinnett) seconded it. Passed with unanimous approval.

Anthropology Prospectus Statement:

Change BA to BA/BS. Otherwise looks good.

Lisa Gezon (West Georgia) motioned for acceptance. Amanda Reinke (Ga College and State Univ) seconded. **Passed with unanimous approval.**

Electing new Chair-elect:

Current Chair-elect becomes chair in August. Need a new chair-elect. Nobody stepped up to do it. Discussion about whether chairs could succeed themselves; obviously, they can, but do they want to? Agreed to deal with chair-elect issue in August or September when new reps are on committee.

Are all anthro programs in the USG represented?

ARAC needs representatives from Georgia State, Fort Valley State, and Valdosta State. Amanda Reinke is leaving GA College and State Univ, so new rep is needed there as well.

Meeting adjournment:

Lisa Gezon (West GA) Motioned Jennifer Trunzo (Augusta Univ) Seconded.