

FACULTY AGENDA ITEM NO 15-16

Date: 01/30/2015

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SUBJECT: ANTHROPOLOGY CURRICULUM CHANGE-NEW PROGRAM-FORENSICS CONCENTRATION

Description: Creation of a Bachelor of Science in Anthropology (Forensics Concentration) based on the partnership with Washburn and the new KBI building.

Rationale: The partnership between WU and the KBI provides new opportunities for collaboration between WU faculty/students and KBI scientists. As part of this collaboration, we are proposing a new concentration in forensics. As Forensic Anthropology utilizes elements of both physical and applied social sciences, we are proposing a Bachelor of Science degree. The combination of disciplines that are part of this degree will enable students to move into either graduate programs or into the labor force as members of forensics labs or crime investigative teams. Students will have opportunities to interact with KBI scientists as guest lecturers, adjunct faculty, or mentors in internships. Students will also have multiple opportunities for field experiences in developing their understanding and application of forensic analysis. This degree includes a structured minor in Biology to emphasize the breadth of science used by forensic professionals. We are also developing five new courses as part of this degree, and they are currently in the approval process.

Financial Implications: This new degree does have financial implications. We will require at least one new tenure-track faculty member, preferably an anthropologist holding a Ph.D. in Bio-Archaeology, and adjunct faculty with expertise in Biological Anthropology or Archaeology. We also need additional lab supplies; more bone casts; and analysis tools/technology for the anticipated number of students. The new Anthropology spaces (the lab and the outdoor excavation site) will be sufficient for our needs. The pro forma document (attached) lists the anticipated budgetary needs for the next five years. We expect these to be met through a combination of revenues generated by additional credit hours from students majoring in the degree; internal funding sources; and the proposed budget that WU submits to the state legislature each year for these new programs.

Proposed Effective Date: 08/15/2015

Request for Action: Approval by AAC and Faculty Senate

Approved by: AAC 2-9-15

Faculty Senate on March 2, 2015

Attachments Yes X new program AN forensics emphasis attachment