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MANOA CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

February 28, 2017

TO:

Michael Bruno, Interim Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs-

VIA:

Denise Konan, Dean, College of Social Sciences

FROM:

Christian Peterson, Chair, Department of Anthropology

RE:

Proposed Medical Anthropology Minor Program

The Department of Anthropology proposes creating a new minor program in medical anthropology to appeal to students studying biological and health sciences as well as to students with diverse backgrounds within the College of Social Sciences.

We anticipate that the minor will prove especially attractive to Pre-Med, Nursing, and Public Health Studies students who desire additional professional competency in a complementary social science field. A formally-constituted 15-credit minor program will provide scaffolded anthropological training on issues relevant to students in the medical sciences, and will align with similar programs offered by anthropology departments at universities across the country (e.g. University of Michigan, Syracuse University, University of California Irvine, Boston University, Case Western University, etc.).

Many students pursing career paths in the medical sciences already seek out the Department's medical anthropology course offerings as program electives; a formally-constituted minor would draw further attention to our program and increase enrollments in medial anthropology classes. The new minor in medical anthropology will draw from existing courses and will require no additional faculty or staff resources to administer. A full proposal and justification is enclosed for your review.

3/28/17

APPROVED

DISAPPROVED:

Michael Bruno, Interim VC for Academic

Affairs and VC for Research

Enclosure

cc: Eirik Saethre, Jan Brunson

Proposal for a Minor in Medical Anthropology

- What are the objectives of the proposed minor? Discuss the need for the program. What kinds of students might be interested in this program?

As the patients at American hospitals and clinics increasingly hail from a variety of ethnic and linguistic backgrounds, medical professionals have acknowledged the importance of cultural competency as an integral part of medical practice. As a result, medical schools and other health care training programs seek students who can demonstrate their potential to understand and work in multicultural biomedical settings. Examining the ways in which society, culture, and biology influence health and illness, medical anthropology provides an educational experience that the natural sciences do not. Reflecting the utility of cross-cultural training, courses in medical anthropology are taken by pre-med and public health students at UH-Mānoa. Each year the majority of students in our primary medical anthropology course come from the natural and medical sciences.

Currently, the Department of Anthropology offers a major and minor in anthropology. However, neither of these programs fully meets the needs of students seeking a career in medicine. Conscious that further training in the medical sciences requires majoring in fields such as anatomy, biology, or public health, students limit their anthropological training to courses focused on health and illness. Furthermore, the anthropology minor does not require the specialization that medical schools seek. Instituting a minor in medical anthropology will provide a new pathway for students to focus their anthropological training on issues relevant to the medical sciences. This model has been embraced across the nation. Minor programs in medical anthropology are currently offered by University of Michigan, Syracuse University, University of California Irvine, Boston University, and Case Western University to name a few.

- How will the minor be administered? Will resources be required to administer this program? (Note that it is expected that existing courses will be utilized.)

The proposed medical anthropology minor draws from existing courses that are taught on a regular basis. We have changed our core course from Medical Anthropology (ANTH 425) to Culture and Health (ANTH 301) to better serve the interests and needs of students from the natural and medical sciences. Culture and Health is scheduled to be taught at least once a year and the remaining courses will be offered at least once every other year either through classroom instruction or Outreach College. The minor will be administered by Eirik Saethre and Jan Brunson, both of whom are Associate Professors and medical anthropologists. No additional instructional, faculty, or staff resources will be required.

- What is your projected enrollment? How many students are currently served in the major program? Identify the source of students for the proposed program.

We envision that the majority of students applying for the minor will be drawn from the medical and biological sciences and will be new to studying the social sciences. In preparation for the minor, we have consulted verbally with the Department of Public Health and the John A. Burns School of Medicine both of which have given their strong support. Once approved, additional outreach will be made to the natural sciences (e.g., Biology, Ethnobotany), and Interdisciplinary Studies students. While the minor is intended to serve those outside the College, these courses will be appropriate for and serve anthropology majors. Given the decline in enrollments, we anticipate having enough seats available in classes to accommodate anthropology majors and medical anthropology minors. Over the past 5 years our general Anthropology minor has enrolled 2-3 students per year. We estimate that approximately 5 additional students will request a minor in medical anthropology each year, drawing from a wider pool of students than at present. As of fall 2016, Anthropology has 86 majors and 8 double majors. We anticipate graduating three minors in spring 2017.

- What foundation courses and prerequisites are needed for acceptance into the minor (e.g., minimum credits, grade point average, work experience)?

To ensure that the minor is widely available to students outside of the social sciences, there are no prerequisites for acceptance into the minor.

- How many credits will be required for the minor? (The minimum required credits for minors are 15. The "double-counting" of credits, as elsewhere, is not permitted.)

The proposed medical anthropology minor is modeled after our existing program requirements. As with the current anthropology minor, students need to complete fifteen credits of upper-division courses, including one theory course (301, 315, 375, 427, 428, 463, 465, and 467) and one methods course (301, 427, 467, and 481). Courses must be completed with a grade of C (not C-) or better. Double counting of credits will not be permitted.

- How will the program be organized (e.g., first-semester courses, required or core courses, electives)?

Those pursuing medical anthropology will be required to take Culture and Health (ANTH 301), which explores the key concepts and theories of medical anthropology. To ensure that this course is available to students without previous experience in anthropology, there are no prerequisites other than junior or senior standing. At times ANTH 425 has been taught with a W focus limiting students to twenty. If demand for the course grows substantially, it will be taught without the focus allowing 40 students per class. To fulfil the remaining twelve credits, students can choose from the following eight elective courses: Sex and Gender (ANTH 315); Race and Human Variation (ANTH 375); Food, Health, and Society (ANTH 427); Anthropology of the Body (ANTH 428); Anthropology of Global Health and Development (ANTH 463); Science, Sex and Reproduction (ANTH 465); Biomedicine and Culture (ANTH 467); and Applied Anthropology (ANTH 481). Courses will be chosen by the student, in consultation with their undergraduate advisor, to suit the student's needs and interests.

Based on the department's five-year plan, the eligible courses will be taught in the classroom as shown below. Outreach College courses will be scheduled for any courses taught less than once every two years. Due to her responsibilities as Graduate Chair, Jan Brunson is teaching a reduced schedule for the next three years. Once this service is completed, her courses will be taught in regular two-year rotation.

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- Who will have responsibility for tracking, advising and mentoring students (e.g., program director or staff, individual faculty)? Note that the procedures and requirement for the declaration of a minor are the same as those for a major. Identify the person(s) responsible for advising students and compiling data on enrollment and number of minors conferred.

Student advising will be conducted by the department's undergraduate chair and advising coordinator. The advising coordinator will also be responsible for compiling data on enrollment and number of minors conferred. The procedures and requirements for a declaration of a minor will be the same as those for a major. To declare a minor in Anthropology, students will complete a 'minor requirement form' and have it signed by the Anthropology advising coordinator. Completion of the minor requires evaluation and approval of courses taken by the undergraduate chair and advising coordinator. No additional instructional faculty or staff resources are required to implement or administer the proposed minor program.