

A. Review Minutes from March and April Meetings**B. Announcements/Informational items**

- 1) **New Department level Business & HR Administrative Assistant Hired!** Welcome our newest member, Jennifer Davis, to the Department of Anthropology. Her first day is Friday, Sept. 1st.
- 2) **Faculty Group Photo today.** We'll take it 3:15 mid-meeting when Allen Jack of CAS Communications arrives.
- 3) **Community & Climate event.** USC night tonight – fireflies baseball game– arrive no later than 6:45. Magda will be at the stadium at 6:00 to distribute tickets. For those who have signed on, be sure to pay her \$28/ticket (food included).
- 4) **Ethnographic field school possibly in the works.** Ken Erickson, a business anthropologist, who used to be faculty in the Moore School of Business retired last AY; he moved out to New Mexico and then was recruited back to be a Fellow. He's currently commuting. His new home happens to be located near the Folsom archaeological site and other resources in the area, he sees the potential for a fieldschool that could serve cultural anthropology. He just pitched a few possibilities – nothing is very formulated yet and it will take a few years of leg work and a formal proposal with funding to materialize. I told him that department currently has a new one we're rolling out (i.e. Magda's new global Carolina course in Kazakstan) fieldschool, but depending on what he puts together (the cost, timing, the actual methods students learn) something domestic might be attractive to some majors. In other words, I didn't commit anthropology to anything but I wasn't discouraging either.
- 5) **Anthropology Events for Family Weekend (Sept 22nd)?** Demonstrations, lab visits, etc.?
- 6) **List of Anthropology Faculty Meetings for AY 2023-2024 [Email Invites were sent out for the Fall]**
 - Aug. 31
 - Sept. 14
 - Oct. 12
 - Nov. 9
 - Dec. 7
 - Dec. 14 – Grad Midyear Grad review
 - Jan. 11
 - Feb. 15
 - March 14
 - April 11
 - May TBD – Annual Review Grads
- 7) **Carolina Core Assessments –all Anthropology Foundational Courses Fall 23.** This fall, all anthropology courses that serve the general education requirements (=Carolina Core Foundational Courses – GSS, SCI & VSR) need to be assessed for CC outcomes. Lydia Frass sent out an email about it to instructors of those courses on Tuesday, Aug. 29th. These are the courses that will be assessed: **ANTH 101 (Chelsea), ANTH 102 (Jennifer, David & Nima), ANTH 161 (Joanna & Kelly), ANTH 273 (Lori).** These courses are all GSS, with the exception of 161 which is SCI. Rubrics for the GSS and SCI are attached as appendixes to this agenda for faculty to consult when developing a student assignment that can be assessable. One last point from Frass's email: "Please complete the Carolina Core Assignment Information form

by Friday, October 13th at 5 pm to let us know your assignment details and how OIRAA can collect your assignments.” That is accessed through an embedded link in that email to the form (which is a survey).

8) CAS Deans Announcements.

- a. **Provost will be announcing call for Faculty Lines associated with us of AI. CAS Dean’s Office also might set aside one of its McCausland Innovation Fund lines on AI use in the classroom pedagogy (not associated with testing).**
- b. **CAS set a new record with our faculty securing 42.8 million dollars in external funds (in the door). Goal is to cross over the 50 million dollar plateau in 2 years.**
- c. **CAS looking to improve 4-year graduation rate.** Rate for CAS is at 49%. This can be explained in part when students don’t well in other colleges and change to CAS. Advising and keeping students on track will be emphasized in any efforts.

C. Reports and discussion:

1. AGORAE – Gladis

1.1 Leadership, Goals, etc.

2. Graduate Director – Weik

2.1 Communications

2.2 Policies/Advising

2.3 Funding

2.4 Grad presentations for fall (reporting on their summer lab/field work and/or research)

3. Bylaws – Reynolds & Stawkowski

3.1 Review and discuss new comments on polished draft.

3.2 Agree upon any new requested revisions

3.3 Set up timeframe for finishing the bylaws and vote

4. Four Field Curriculum and Course Scheduling Committee- Reynolds & Moskowitz

4.1 Jennifer leads with a data presentation comparing

4.1.1 number of degrees conferred by program spanning 5 AYs

4.1.2 number of credit hours produced across courses

4.1.3 number of enrolled students taught on average per faculty in a AY to meet targets

Data presented to help us to start thinking through changes we could make now and in the future (if the university decides to change the Carolina Core general education requirements) to sustain and improve credit hour production.

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Make improvements to what we offer in the curriculum to recruit (and diversify), support and train majors and minors.

4.2 Marco goes over the Four Field C & C Committee current composition & procedures

4.3 Discuss immediate changes to rotation documents and workflow

4.4 Areas of the curriculum/program that might need changing (requirements to Med. Anth Minor for example).

5. Colloquium – Barra
6. Increasing Heterogeneity, Access & Opportunity (unit level initiatives) – Goldberg
 - 6.1 Updated draft for high school shadow program is complete and attached here. Please share out with any HS educator contacts.
 - 6.2 Updated undergraduate conference travel funding opportunity attached here. Please share with interested UG students. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and must be submitted at least 6 weeks prior to the conference student is seeking to attend.
 - 6.3 Volunteer archaeology lab nights will be held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month this fall from 4-6pm in Hamilton 134. Please share the following email announcement with any interested students, colleagues:

Volunteer archaeology opportunity!

Ever wondered what archaeologists do when they're done in the field? Come join us for a volunteer artifact washing night on USC's campus as we work on processing the material excavated by students at Sesquicentennial State Park this summer. We will be running volunteer washing nights on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 4-6 throughout the fall, with the first one next Tuesday 9/5

. Space is limited, so please email Kelly Goldberg at goldbeke@mailbox.sc.edu for location details and to rsvp if you'd like to attend. Anyone is welcome to stop by, but you must be 12 years or older to wash artifacts.



7. Old Business

D. New Business –

1. Research Software needs.
2. Launch Teams – Network approach to faculty mentoring

E. Good of the Order

Appendices – GSS and SCI Assessment Rubrics