

# The Graduate Council Minutes

March 26, 1998

3:00 p.m., Administration Building, Room 204

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The next scheduled meeting of the Graduate Council is Thursday, April 16, at 3:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, Board Room. Agenda items are due by April 2, and the agenda will be distributed by April 9.  
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**Note: Course changes and additions will not take effect until they are listed in the graduate catalog. Items marked with an asterisk (\*) must have approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board before listing in the graduate catalog.**

**Members present:** Baird (for Shrader), Culp, Cutshall, Eubank, Gauthier, Hartman, Hildreth (for Keller), Hyten, Kamman, Kesterson, Kim (for LaBrecque), Morrison, Richards, Schneider, Tate (chair), Terrell, Turner

**Visitors present:** Austen, Duvall, Jordan, Kozak, Kumar, Longhofer, Meek

**I. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:** The minutes from the February 19, 1998 council meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Baird and a second by Morrison.

## II. Announcements

## III. Requests for New Courses

The following requests are pending the approval of the second reading of the proposed Master of Arts in Applied Anthropology and the approval of the Coordinating Board.

### A Anthropology

#### 1 Add: ANTH 5010 – Anthropological Thought and Praxis I (3 hours)

Considers the history of anthropological concepts, the major historical debates in anthropological theory, and historical tensions between applied and theoretical knowledge. Special emphasis is given to critical examination of concept and theory formation, and the application of anthropological ideas to the problems of everyday life.

#### 2 Add: ANTH 5015 – Anthropological Thought and Praxis II (3 hours)

Considers contemporary anthropological concepts and theories, and the major debates that have been produced by them. Special emphasis is given to the most recent tensions and debates on the relationships between theoretical and applied knowledge. Specific attention is paid to the relationships between social theory and social policy formation. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 5010.

#### 3 Add: ANTH 5020 – Seminar on Research Methods and Design (3 hours)

Provides quantitative and statistical skills to complement those used in qualitative and ethnographic research: research design, sampling and scaling techniques, tests for reliability and validity, and tests of association and significance. Special emphasis will be given to the use of

SPSS. Same as SOCI 5200. Prerequisite(s): SOCI 4870 or equivalent, or consent of instructor.

4 Add: ANTH 5040 – Ethnographic and Qualitative Methods (3 hours)

Focuses on ethnographic and qualitative methods and the development of the skills necessary for the practice of anthropology. Special emphasis will be given to qualitative techniques of data collection and analysis, grant writing, the use of computers to analyze qualitative data, and ethical problems in conducting qualitative research. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 5010 and 5015 or consent of instructor.

5 Add: ANTH 5060 – Problems and Cases in the Application of Anthropological Knowledge (3 hours)

Examines case studies and specific problems in the application of anthropological knowledge to the variety of subjects and in a variety of settings: health, business and organizational culture, development, education, social welfare, environment, agriculture, gender, crime, drug use, sexuality, borders, ethnic and race relations, and social policy. Knowledge gained in the study of theory and methods will be used in the discussion of problems and case studies in applied anthropology. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 5010, 5015, 5020 and 5040.

6 Add: ANTH 5800 – Applying Anthropology: Practicum I (3 hours)

Provides experiential learning in applied anthropology through placement in business, government, community, and social service organizations and agencies. This 100-hour (minimum) placement is planned in cooperation with the student so that they can meet their specialized career goals. The practicum will include a weekly (one hour) integrated seminar. Practicum I has three phases: 1) analysis of the practicum setting; 2) analysis of the cultural diversity dimensions of the agency; and 3) identification of an ethnographic research project. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 5010, 5015, 5020 and 5040.

7 Add: ANTH 5810 – Applying Anthropology: Practicum II (3 hours)

Provides experiential learning in applied anthropology through placement in business, government, community, and social service organizations and agencies. This 120-hour (minimum) placement is planned in cooperation with the student so that they can meet their specialized career goals. The practicum will include a weekly (one hour) integrated seminar. In Practicum II, the student designs and implements an ethnographic study. The aim of the project is to study a practice issue that agencies collaboratively help identify. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 5010, 5015, 5020, 5040 and 5800.

#### **IV. Request for New Program**

**\*A.** The School of Community Service proposes to offer a Master of Arts in Applied Anthropology. (First reading)

The proposed degree will require a minimum of 36 semester credit hours which will include 15 semester credit hours of core courses; 6 semester credit hours of practicum; and 15 semester credit hours of elective courses (a minimum of 6 hours must be outside Anthropology). Eight new anthropology courses are proposed. Several of these will serve as core courses for the new degree. The addition of these courses will not require new faculty, library resources, equipment, or space. Existing courses in anthropology are primarily topical in nature and are designed to support other graduate programs, especially the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, the Master of Arts in Sociology and Public Health.

For additional information on the proposed degree program, please contact the Institute of Anthropology.

**V. Request for Change in Program/Major/Degree/Option Requirements**

None.

**VI. Consent Calendar**

**A. Request for Change in Existing Courses**

None

**B. Request for Course Deletion**

None

**VII. Old Business**

None

**VIII. New Business**

- A Graduate Faculty Review Committee: Dr. F. Mitchell Land (Journalism) was approved for Category III on a motion by Kamman and a second by Eubank.
- B Report from the Admission and Policy Committee: Recommendation to approve “UNT Policies for Graduate Enrollment Management of Maximum Allowable Hours for Doctoral Students”. (First reading)