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RE: Anthropology Academic Program Review and Implementation Plan

Dear colleagues:

I want to begin by thanking you for the opportunity to visit with you (i.e., department chairperson, dean and faculty members) to discuss the results of your Academic Program Review for the Anthropology program. It was exciting to hear about the extensive work the department has already done on the Draft Implementation Plan. Your program had already accomplished PMO 6 and made substantial progress on three (3) other goals. Your collaboration with each other, as well as with colleagues at Stan State and around the world, is impressive and a true strength of your program. I appreciate your constant self-reflection and focus on continuous improvement...for yourselves and for your students. I was touched by your responsiveness toward your students as well as your simultaneous commitment to provide them with incredibly rich educational experiences in the classroom and off campus. You have a vital, healthy program.

As a result of your self- study, I am pleased to accept the recommendation of your college review committee and Dean Tuedio and wholeheartedly approve your program for continuation. I concur with the Revised Implementation Plan provided me on May 31, 2018 and look forward to supporting the goals you have established for yourselves.

During our APR meeting, I was very excited to learn more about your vision to move in the directions of medical anthropology and global health given the rapidly expanding professional opportunities for our students and to also maintain your expertise in biological and forensics given anticipated retirements in the program. This plan makes sense. I am pleased this summer we were able to approve your staffing request for a Tenure Track Assistant Professor with an expertise in the areas of Cultural/EthnoMedical Anthropology & Global Health. With additional salary dollars, Dean Tuedio and I were able to front load this position prior to completion of a retirement in Anthropology. Best wishes for a very successful search process.

Another area of current and future need is dedicated laboratory space to support local archaeological field work and to strengthen your professional relationships with colleagues

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in the Department of Geography who are involved in a number of geospatial initiative; I applaud and want to support this interdisciplinary collaboration. When classes resume in the fall, I would like to get faculty members from both departments, along with Dean Tuedio, together for a meeting with Facilities, so we can talk more specifically about the space/technology requirements for such a lab. Your goal to upgrade teaching and research space aligns well with the University Strategic Plan.

Your department's self-study report is part of the University's official archive that documents your department's contributions toward quality programs and student learning. A summary of the assessment portion of your self-study is submitted for review by the Board of Trustees of the California State University.

I commend you for your dedication to expanding opportunities for students. I encourage you to continue to assess program and student learning outcomes; your use of direct assessment to inform curriculum and pedagogy is exemplary. I also encourage you to continue to explore integrating technology into classes that do not currently have technology, expand your on-going collaboration with other departments, and engage students in your research and other high impact practices.

Again, I extend my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to meet with you and discuss your self-study and implementation plan. I look forward to working with you and supporting your vision for Anthropology at Stan State.

Sincerely,

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