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Unit review response to CCAM

Dear members of CCAM,

Thank you for your constructive comments – as a department, we have started to discuss two of your three recommendations and have worked to follow the third. Let me go through your three comments:

1. *“We encourage the Department to continue its discussions around collaborative initiatives with relevant academic units at the U of R and U of S”*

We recently distributed an offer from U of S among our majors and encouraged them to apply. Since we have nothing to offer to potential grad students in terms of guaranteed salary/grant money from the very beginning of their program, I do not think that we are in a good position to attract their students into our grad program. I am in contact with the head of the U of S anthropology department but no further collaboration has yet been established. Covid19 is also to blame, as we had planned a second get-together as departments but postponed it until it is safer to do so.

2. *“to explore the possibility of an interdisciplinary graduate program with two or more relevant departments in the Faculty of Arts”*

We have started to set up collaborations by setting up a special case MA program with courses by Dr. Emily Grafton (PAIS) and Cheyanne Desnomie (FNUC). The student is still in the process of enrolment but her courses are scheduled to start in Winter 2022. As I am a new Head, the last months definitely left no time to explore this field in any further way and Covid19 further complicated the matter. Once we are back on campus I will start meeting the department heads of relevant units. However, the additional work load of graduate students may wear some of us too thin (as our unit review has rightly noted). In addition, the Dean’s Office is initiating the development of proposed new inter- and trans-disciplinary graduate programs in Arts. Anthropology will be happy to play a part in those new programs.

3. *“to continue to investigate different modalities of teaching such as hybrid or highFlex for ANTH 100”*

We have applied for CCE funding for a WEB ANTH 100 course that we can run in parallel to our face-to-face ANTH 100 sections. We hope to receive the funding which will not only update our ANTH 100 WEB course but also free faculty to teach less ANTH 100 and more courses that attract new majors. Please see the application text below for more detail on the innovative form of ANTH100 which is based on our rich experiences with developing and teaching this popular course. The actual application was online, so I provide a letter-style format for your convenience.

Respectfully,