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Subject: Revision to Anthropology PhD
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Dear Professor Hubbe,

On Monday, December 7, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a proposal to revise the Anthropology PhD and stop admission to the terminal MA.

The Panel unanimously approved the request with the following contingency:

- The program assessment plan program-level methods for assessing the learning outcomes. The learning outcomes are thoroughly identified and linked to assignments throughout the syllabi, but it is unclear how these methods will be used in the broader assessment of the program. Linking the program goals to the courses in this way may result in a large amount of data that will not produce a useful assessment of the program. The Panel has the following suggestions for addressing the assessment plan:
 - Include more narrative discussion of the program learning outcomes.
 - Some of the intended goals of the of the revision will not be thoroughly assessed with the current plan. For example, one of the goals of the revision was to prepare students for a wider range of careers. The assessment plan could include exit and alumni surveys to evaluate the success of this goal.
 - The Panel suggests using rubric-based assessment for candidacy or oral exams.
 - The Panel would like to invite representative(s) from the Department to attend a Panel meeting to discuss program assessment. The Panel believes an in-person meeting would be more fruitful in discussing thoughts and suggestions on how to improve the program assessment plan. The invitation is optional, and attending is not a contingency of approval. The next SBS Panel meeting is on January 21 from 8:30-10am. Please let us know if you are able to attend.

Please send the revised copy of the proposal to me or Bernadette Vankeerbergen (cc'd here).

Should you have any questions about the feedback of the Panel, please feel free to contact Susan Kline (faculty Chair of the SBS Panel; cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

My best,
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