To: Faculty Senate
From: Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee: Sakiko Oyama (Co-chair), Martha Fasci (Co-chair), Brian Davies, Turgay Korkmaz, Diane Abdo, Liang Tang, and Pepe Chang
Re: Review of proposals
Date: January 15th 2018

Faculty senate curriculum committee reviewed the proposals for the Minor in Archaeological Practice, and elimination of minor in Nutrition. Based on our evaluation, we recommend both proposals to be approved by the faculty senate. Please see below for the summary of our evaluation.

Minor in Archaeological Practice proposed by the Department of Anthropology consists of 1 introductory course in archaeology, 1 method-intensive hands-on course, and 4 electives in archaeology (18 credits total). The minor will help guide Anthropology major students with an interest in archaeology to learn hands-on skills that are needed to gain employment as an archeological technician in cultural resource management. The introduction of minor does not involve development of new courses, hiring of new faculty, or purchasing of new equipment. The department expects an increase in demand for the hands-on courses, yet anticipates that the increase in demand can be accommodated by the reserve capacity in the current programs.

The proposal to eliminate minor in Nutrition, which started in Fall 2016, is driven by the low enrollment/retention and difficulty accommodating minor students in courses that are designed for students in the Coordinated Program in Dietetics. The Coordinated Program in Dietetics is a competitive program within the department that trains students to become a licensed dietician. The courses are designed to develop student’s clinical competency, and are closely intertwined with the students’ off-site practicum experience. Since the nutrition minor students are not assigned to practicums or internship, the coursework has been a challenge for them to complete. There are currently nine students enrolled in the nutrition minor. All of these students are in the department of Kinesiology. These students will be given an option to complete the minor with necessary course substitutions.