From: Christine Avenarius, PhD, Department of Anthropology

To: Graduate Curriculum Committee

RE: New Course Proposal ANTH 6050

Date: February 2nd 2013

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a summary of our request for a new graduate course for the Department of Anthropology curriculum for your consideration and approval.

The new course addresses the specific needs of graduate students in anthropology to acquire the comprehensive knowledge and skills to conduct both qualitative and quantitative methods of data collection and data analysis. The Graduate faculty of the Department of Anthropology at ECU has identified the need to teach a methodology course at the 6xxx level in addition to the ethnographic methods courses the department offers at the 3xxx level (ANTH 3050) and at the 5xxx level (ANTH 5015). This new course, ANTH 6050, is exclusively open to graduate students and welcomes graduate students from other departments at ECU. It teaches a wider range of research methods than 3xxx and 5xxx level courses, going beyond the scope of ethnographic research by including methods that are not used during fieldwork framed in participant observation. The course covers the majority of methods currently practiced by professional Cultural Anthropologists and prepares students to conduct research for their MA thesis projects. As part of their course work, graduate students enrolled in ANTH 6050 will collect data during the semester as part of specifically designed exercise assignments and learn how to use a variety of computer programs to analyze the data. These computer programs are available online without fee and don’t require additional resources from ITCS.

ANTH 6050. Advanced Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology (3)
P: Graduate standing. Advanced training in qualitative and quantitative methods of data collection and data analysis.
February 4, 2013

Budget Memorandum

FROM: I. Randolph Daniel, Jr. Interim Chair

RE: Proposed Anthropology Course

The following new course is being proposed by the Anthropology Department:

ANTH 6050: Advanced Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology

No additional funds beyond those currently requested by the Department will be needed to teach this class. It will be taught by current faculty, using existing space, administrative support, and other current resources. It will not affect the offering of other courses.

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I. Randolph Daniel, Jr.
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