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To: Patricia Kramer  
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Re: Department of Anthropology 2016 Interim Report

As you know, the Graduate School conducted a review of the Department of Anthropology in the 2010-2011 academic year. The Graduate School Council recommended continuing status for the department's degree programs with the next review to be 10 years, specifically in 2020-2021. Based on the findings and recommendations of the review that were articulated in the July 22, 2011 memorandum from the Graduate School deans to the College of Arts and Sciences Dean and Divisional Dean for Social Sciences, the Council's recommendation was contingent upon the department submitting an interim progress report by Spring Quarter, 2013. The Graduate School received the interim report on May 16, 2013, which described initiatives the department had implemented to address issues raised in the review. The Graduate School Council acknowledged the department's progress on the important issues. The Council recommended that an abbreviated interim review in 3 years occur as an update on the department's progress and prior to the full review scheduled in 2020-2021.

On June 27, 2016, the Graduate School received an Interim Report from Janelle Taylor, Professor and former Chair of the Department of Anthropology. The Graduate School Council considered the Interim Report at its December 2, 2016 meeting. The Council acknowledged the department's ongoing progress of faculty and student initiatives to address the issues from the 2010-2011 review on diversity, the need for the department to develop ties across its sub-disciplines, and for a strategic plan that incorporates the mission, vision, a faculty hiring plan, and the assessment of the department's climate. Based on the ongoing progress the department has demonstrated on these important issues, the Graduate School Council supported the initial recommendation that the next review of the department occur in the 2020-2021 academic year.

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