TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: The Committee on Academic Planning and Review (CAPR)
SUBJECT: 12-13 CAPR 25: Request for a postponement of the 13-14 Five-year reviews of the Departments of Anthropology and Geography & Environmental Studies
PURPOSE: Action by the Academic Senate
ACTION REQUESTED: To postpone the Five-year Program Reviews of Anthropology and Geography & Environmental Studies until AY 2014-15

BACKGROUND:
At their May 2, 2013 meeting, CAPR unanimously voted to approve the request for a postponement for the Five-year Program Reviews of the Departments of Anthropology and Geography & Environmental Studies until AY 2014-15. This postponement was requested by the Dean of CLASS via the AVP of Academic Studies and Graduate Programs. It is necessitated by the proposed merger of these departments. A postponement of the Five-year Reviews of these programs will allow time to develop a new structure and create a set of unified goals for the future.

Attached is the official letter requesting the postponement as submitted to CAPR.

ACTION REQUESTED:
CAPR is formally requesting that the scheduled Five-year reviews of the Departments of Anthropology and Geography & Environmental Studies Programs be postponed until AY 2014-15.
TO: Chris Chamberlain, Chair, Committee on Program Review
VIA: Susan Opp, AVP Academic Studies and Graduate Programs
FROM: Kathleen Rountree, Dean CLASS
RE: 5-year Reviews, Department of Anthropology and Department of Geography & Environmental Studies
DATE: April 24, 2012

On behalf of the Department of Anthropology and the Department of Geography & Environmental Studies, I am requesting that their scheduled 5-year review of 13-14 be postponed for one year.

The departments are in the process of merging into one unit, with that approval currently routing through the faculty governance process, having been already endorsed by the departments, the college, and CAPR.

We request that the 5-year review be scheduled in 14-15 and be a review of the combined department. The postponement will allow the department a year to settle into its new structure, and to create a set of unified goals for the future. Additionally, since Anthropology and Geography share departments at many other universities, there is the potential to involve an outside review from a similarly-structured department, which will be very useful for the faculty and programs. Thank you for considering this request.

Ce: Associate Dean Guo, Chair Laura Nelson, Chair Dave Larson