

APPENDIX F

Request for Authorization to Establish a Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology Degree at UNC-Chapel Hill

Introduction

UNC-Chapel Hill requests authorization to establish a BA in Archaeology degree effective October 2007.

Program Description

The undergraduate degree in Archaeology focuses on the systematic study of human past through its material remains by means of excavation, recovery, and interpretation of human artifacts and associated materials. The geographic scope of the program includes the Americas, Europe and the Mediterranean, Egypt, and the Near East. The educational objective of the program is to provide students with one component of a liberal arts education that draws on both the Social Sciences and the Humanities. The program prepares students for advanced work in Archaeology and related fields such as cultural resource management. The program will emphasize diverse methodological approaches and theoretical frameworks as well as hands-on training and participation in fieldwork.

Program Need

Archaeology helps students gain an understanding and appreciation of human and cultural values by studying different civilizations. The minor in Archaeology, established in 2001, has been of interest to a considerable number of students. A department of archaeology does not exist, and courses are scattered throughout the campus in Classics, Anthropology, Art, Religious Studies, and Women's Studies. The proposed degree, to be housed in a new Curriculum in Archaeology along with the existing minor, will build on this interdisciplinary strength to allow students to learn about Archaeology in a more structured and focused way. The curriculum will provide a venue for collaboration among faculty in teaching and research. Approximately 35 majors a year are anticipated.

Resources

No new courses are proposed, and current faculty from various existing departments are adequate to teach in the interdisciplinary program. The long-established Research Laboratories of Archaeology will serve as a rich resource for the program. Current library, information technology and facility resources are adequate.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the UNC-Chapel Hill request to establish a Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology degree (CIP 45.0301) effective October 2007.