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Ph.D. Program in Anthropology
GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

1. Executive Committee

1.1 There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of nine faculty members and five student members. The Executive Officer, who is appointed by the President of the Graduate School, chairs the Committee.

1.2 The faculty members include one representative of each of the four subdisciplines (elected by the faculty members of the respective subdiscipline) and four members elected at large by the doctoral faculty. All members of the doctoral faculty will be nominees for election as at-large members of the Committee other than those who are representatives of the subdisciplines.

1.3 Student members, elected by the student body, include one from each subdiscipline and one member at large.

1.4 All faculty members are elected for a term of three years. Student members are elected for a term of one year.

1.5 If there are two or more doctoral faculty holding Graduate School and University Center appointments (other than the Executive Officer), they must have at least one representative on the Committee elected by them.

1.6 If after completion of the election process, there is a participating college with six or more members on the doctoral faculty such that none of the nine elected faculty members is from that college, then the Elections Committee shall designate the at-large nominee from that college who has the highest number of votes to be a member of the Executive Committee. If this procedure fails to identify an eligible individual, that college’s members of the Program’s doctoral faculty shall elect a representative to the Committee.

1.7 The student members shall be entitled to vote on all matters except those affecting individual faculty members or individual students.
1.8 The Executive Committee shall meet with the Doctoral Faculty once a year for reporting and discussion. The Committee shall meet with the students of the Program at least once a semester.

2. Standing Committees

2.1 The Executive Officer chairs all standing committees. The Standing Committees and the Elections Committee report to the Executive Committee.

2.2 Curriculum and Examinations. Each subdiscipline has its own Curriculum and Examinations Committee. In archaeology, physical anthropology, and linguistic anthropology, the subdiscipline faculty constitute a committee of the whole. In cultural anthropology, the committee consists of four faculty members elected for staggered two-year terms by the doctoral faculty in cultural anthropology. One faculty member elected by each subdiscipline committee, together with three students elected by the student body, constitute an overall Curriculum and Examinations Committee of the Program.

2.3 Admissions and Awards. The Committee consists of four faculty members, one from each of the subdisciplines, appointed by the Executive Officer, and three student members, elected by the student body. The student members shall have full participation on all matters of policy and procedure but shall not have access to confidential information about present or potential fellow students applying for admission or awards.

2.4 Faculty Membership. The Committee consists of six faculty members, three in cultural anthropology and one in each of the other subdisciplines, elected by the Executive Committee, and [of] two student members elected by the student body. The student members shall have full participation on all matters of policy and procedure and in discussion of individual candidates for appointment, reappointment, promotion, tenure, and removal, but shall not vote on individual candidates. The Committee’s recommendations on such candidates shall be reported to and acted upon by the Executive Committee. Criteria for action on candidates
are: contribution to program needs as well as evidence of significant relevant research or qualification to perform doctoral-level teaching and training or qualification to supervise doctoral dissertations or research.

2.5 Elections Committee. The Executive Committee shall establish an Elections Committee consisting of the Executive Officer, three faculty members elected by the Executive Committee, and three student members elected by the student body. This Committee shall have responsibility for nomination and election procedures and for the counting of secret ballots for all elective offices (other than those elected by the Executive Committee) including representatives to the Graduate Council. Doctoral faculty shall vote for holders of faculty positions only; the student body shall vote for holders of student positions only. The Chair of the Elections Committee shall report the election results for representatives to Graduate Council to the Secretary of Graduate Council no later than April 15.

3. Student Responsibilities. Student representatives on the Executive Committee and the four Standing Committees shall be chosen by means of an election by mail by the students in the program. Any matriculated student not on leave shall be eligible to vote and to serve.