

APP voted to recommend the proposed archeology minor to faculty senate, with the caveat of 5 of 12 voting members only doing so with reservations. Those reservations were due to two concerns:

1. In our initial feedback, we'd indicated that letters of support from the three non-ANTH programs whose courses could be used for the minor were needed. At the time of our review on Thursday, the only such letter included was from History. A letter of support from Geology was provided the day after APP had its second reading of the proposal. No indication was provided that a letter of support had been sought from Biology or that such a letter is forthcoming.
2. In our initial feedback, we'd asked for some evidence of demand for such a minor. The response to this request was a summary of the different ways in which people from a variety of backgrounds can and have contributed to the field of archeology. While interesting, this doesn't speak to demand. APP does not expect the proposal to include a student survey, those surveys usually convey little meaningful information. But some evidence that our students might opt for this minor is expected. This could be done by simply looking at enrollment in those courses that are electives, not core, within the relevant majors. For example, if enrollment in BIOL3112, 3241 and 3242 is robust, that would suggest that there is a ready audience for the Zooarchaeology focus of the minor.