We are continuing to request a lowering of the enrollment cap on the Anthropology 5, Cultures of the U.S., from the current cap of 44 to 35. We have discussed this in previous unit and discipline plans. Anthropology 5 (Cultures of the U.S.) introduces students to concepts of race and ethnicity in an American context through reading, discussion, critical thinking, essay writing and ethnographic research. Students are asked to reflect upon and critique topics of great sensitivity (i.e. race and ethnicity) in their own lives, often for the first time in an academic setting. Because of the emphasis on critical thinking, discussion, and writing about sometimes volatile topics, we recommend that the cap on Anthropology 5 be adjusted to an enrollment of 35. This was the original intention for Anthropology 5 when it was added to the curriculum, and allows the instructor to spend the requisite time responding to students’ concerns and undertaking qualitative assessments of each student’s work and progress.

We are not requesting additional FTEF allocations for the coming year. The scheduling constraints and room shortages does not really allow us to consider expanding our offerings until we have access to sufficient rooms at the times when students demand classes. We are hoping to maintain something approximating our current enrollment pattern despite having to shift a considerable number of classes from the times we have traditionally offered them.