UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON – EXPEDITED COURSE CHANGE PROPOSAL
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Department/Discipline and Course Number: SOAN, ANTH 317

Course Title: Gifts and Commodities

Type of change (check all applicable):
Course Number* Title XX Credits Description Prerequisites Deletion

*This course number must be approved by the Office of the Registrar before the proposal is submitted.

Effective Date: FALL Semester, Year    Fall 2013

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JUSTIFICATION (including impact on majors, minors, concentrations, and general education courses within the University curriculum; attach additional pages if required)

The current title of this course speaks to an earlier approach in economic anthropology, wherein societies that practice(d) gift exchange as their main form of economic activity were treated as completely distinctive form, and starkly contrasted to, societies centered around capitalist economics or ‘commodity exchange.’ While the difference between these forms of economic activity is still an important theme in the course as it is now taught, more contemporary approaches in economic anthropology are engaged in deconstructing the polarization between ‘gifts’ and ‘commodities’, particularly given the forces of globalization and the increased interrelation between different economic practices/realms. In general, the faculty of the anthropology program are leaning towards more general, open-ended course titles for courses that cover the major sub-fields (e.g., race, gender, economic anthropology, political anthropology).

TRANSITION PLAN (describe how will students who are in Catalogs where the course is required for a major be accommodated; attach additional pages if required)

Approvals

Department Chair    Debra Schleef    Date: 9/18/12

College Curriculum Chair__ Bradley Hansen___________ Date: __10/20/12__________

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If comments are raised, the proposal may be reviewed by the UCC and then approved or it may be returned to the CCC for additional deliberation (as required).