**Interim Graduate Student Leave of Absence Policy**

Adopted by the Anthropology Faculty, February 10, 2012.

A leave of absence request by a graduate student must first go to the student’s advisor; a leave can be requested for no more than one semester. The student and the advisor will draft a written request to the Anthropology Faculty outlining the reasons for the requested leave, the work to be accomplished (if any) during the leave, and the semester for which the leave is being requested. Written requests will be submitted to the DGS by the advisor and the student jointly, and will then be considered formally by the entire Faculty. In a catastrophic case, such as a sudden grave illness or a severe injury, consideration of a one semester leave of absence can handled by the DGS without consulting the faculty as a whole.

This interim policy is in effect as of 2/10/2012. A final, formal and official policy will be created and instituted no later than the end of the Fall 2012 semester.