

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Psychology Department Meeting  
September 11, 2008**

**NOTES**

**Present:** M. Braun, J. Farias, A. Himsel, D. McPatchell (CEC), A. Simon, S. Thornton, H. Williams (CEC), M. Wynne

**Absent:** R. Mascolo

**Guest:** E. McCrary

**Meeting began at:** 1:00 p.m.

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**Enrollment Update/Future Scheduling**

The department's fill rate reached 101% by the end of the second week of the semester with a total of 1,838 students enrolled in on campus lecture classes. One section of Psychology 5 (General Psychology) is being offered at Inglewood City Honors High School (ICHS). Enrollment totals are not yet available for this class.

The department faculty discussed the need to offer more Psychology 5 sections on Tuesday/Thursdays (TTH). They also discussed a Monday-Thursday schedule with Friday morning only classes.

**Curriculum**

A. Himsel is updating Psychology 3 (The Psychology of Thinking) which will go through course review this semester. The faculty also discussed the need to include a distance education addendum for all of their course offerings. The dean recommended that the department discuss the question of renumbering all of the Psychology courses before moving forward on this plan. Two new courses are being developed: Psychology of Gender and Chicano Psychology.

**SLOs**

J. Farias discussed department progress on the Student Learning Outcomes for Psychology as well as assessment timelines. He also stated that he will be receiving clickers software from one of the publishers which can be useful doing assessments.

M. Wynne submitted an SLO for Psychology 10 (African American Psychology).

**Program Review**

There will be four faculty working on the department's program review this year. H. Williams and D. McPatchell will also participate so that the Compton Center's Psychology program can be included in the self-study. M. Wynne will attend next week's orientation meeting.

### **Compton Center**

H. Williams and D. McPatchell reported that enrollments have been very good this semester. Some class enrollments reached over 50 students. The faculty reported that they are in serious need of instructional equipment for their program.

The status of A. Hoffman's Saturday morning course was discussed. The possibility of developing a service learning course for the garden at the Compton Educational Center (CEC) was discussed.

### **Psychology Club**

Club rush is taking place this week. Last year's vice-president is being installed as president next week. Last year the club earned \$600 from their participation in the pow wow. The club, however, will not participate this year.

### **Department Activities**

A. Simon reported that the department plans to host a guest speaker from CSULA who will present on the topic, "The Psychology of Men" sometime later in the semester.

J. Farias stated that he is one of the co-advisors for the Veterans Club. He asked his colleagues to circulate a signup sheet for interested students.

### **Equipment/Supply Needs**

The department would like to acquire DVD versions of the following: Obedience and The Prison Study.

**Meeting adjourned at: 1:55 p.m.**

cc: T. Fallo  
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Psychology Department Counselors