



**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Psychology Department Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 8, 2018**

Present: Dan Airth, Tom DeHardt, Chris Gold, Julio Farias, Renee Galbavy, Amy Himsel, Richard Mascolo, David McPatchell, Kim Nguyen, Angela Simon, Michael Wynne.

Excused: Michael Braun

Enrollment Statistics and Scheduling

- The online courses enrolled well in spring, and the department is fine with offering their courses online, although PSYC 9A and 9B need to be face-to-face. Students have been asking for 9A and 9B. It is required for the major, and there are limited offerings because we must borrow a lab from the Business Division. There is some concern that online offerings are negatively impacting the enrollment in face-to-face sections of Psychology 12 and 15.
- There are just about the same number of PSYC courses this summer as last summer. A section of 9B was added. The 10 summer online sections filled quickly.
- In Fall 2018, PSYC 19 Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity is being taught for the first time by Angela Simon.
- Some students are enrolling concurrently in 9A and 9B. We should keep an eye out for this. Also, the Math prerequisites need to be reviewed.

AAT

- Psychology awards the highest number of degrees in the BSS division, and they have been increasing rapidly over the past three years. Thirty-seven degrees were awarded in 2013-14; 62 in 2014-15; and 114 in 2015-16. Department members modestly say they haven't been doing anything special, but they have a very engaging table at the majors fair and an active club. They are very active in outreach. Also, they note that there is an inherent interest in Psychology as students learn about themselves.

2017 Program Review Recommendations

- We reviewed the 2017 program review recommendations.
- Rec #2 (Chrome Books) was placed in plan builder. The purchase of a class set of Chrome Books may allow for growth in the number of 9A and 9B sections. Chris Gold increased the number of books requested to 50 in order to accommodate our larger classes that may want to use them and to allow for a full set for 9A and 9B when some are out for repair.
- Rec. #4 that we hire an IT technician to maintain BSS division technology is unlikely since the campus currently has only one person that maintains all classroom technology across the campus. An additional technician is being hired.
- Rec. #5 that a computer lab be created for Psychology, is in planning for the new building. A Psychology faculty member will be invited to serve on the BSS Building User Group to consult on the design of the new building.
- Rec. #10 is to reactivate PSYC 99, Independent Study. The department would like to reactivate this course because they were teaching it periodically and it is a great way to engage students in research. All or most independent study courses across campus were deactivated because they

were rarely taught and the SLOs could not be assessed. The department should contact Janet Young to ask about the possibility of reactivating the course.

SLOs and Assessments

- PSYC 7, 9B, and 15 were assessed.
- Assessment is conducted with a test administered in all the sections of a course. Richard Mascolo coordinates assessment and will send the PSYC 3 test to his colleagues in the department.

Curriculum

- There is no curriculum due this year. Next year PSYC 16 and 17 will be under review. Renee Galbavy will work on PSYC 17 in Spring 2019, and the PSYC 16 review for Fall 2018 is open for volunteers.
- The department would like to renumber its courses according to the following pattern:
 - A 100 will be added to each course. So, PSYC 3 will become 103.
 - EXCEPT, for PSYC 5, which will become 101.
- We will talk with Janet Young about how to do the renumbering.
- David McPatchell wants to make sure that we are doing the renumbering because they are currently developing the curriculum at Compton and want their numbers to be in alignment with ours. If we are renumbering, then they will develop their curriculum with the new numbers.

Supply/Equipment Needs

- In fall, we will discuss the possible need and feasibility of purchasing SPSS (statistics software) for Psychology 9A and 9B.

Counselor Announcements

- Please remind students who wish to receive an ADT that they need to see a counselor.
- Please invite students to the Admit Reception on June 12th from 2:00-4:30 in the East Dining Room.

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