

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Psychology Department Meeting
October 28, 2014**

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Present: M. Braun, J. Farias, R. Galbavy, A. Himsel, R. Mascolo, K. Nguyen, D. McPatchell, M. Wynne

Absent: A. Simon (excused)

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Enrollment/Summer Scheduling Patterns

The department generated 218 FTES via weekly census this semester and achieved a fill rate of 104% by first census. There are nine online sections offered this semester which had a fill rate average of 95% at first census and contributed an additional 39 FTES to the department's totals. Faculty reported that the classes continue to have good enrollments.

The dean discussed the plan for summer session offerings which will be based on last summer's scheduling patterns. This summer, PSYC 9A, 9B, 12, and 16 will also be offered. G. Miranda sees growth potential beyond the two core offerings since increasing sections of other courses has resulted in enhancing the department's enrollments.

Curriculum

Several department courses need course updates and are overdue for submission. PSYC 3 is assigned to A. Simon; A. Himsel is reviewing PSYC 5; R. Mascolo is in charge of updating PSYC 7 and 15 while PSYC 8 is assigned to M. Braun and A. Simon. They need to be completed this semester.

Planning

The dean asked the department to review and update their unit plan for 2015-16 as soon as possible. Budget items need to be verified with appropriate campus units before submission.

SLO Update

Scheduled for assessment this semester are all three SLOs for PSYC 3, 5, 8, 9A, 10 and PLO #1, 2, 3. G. Miranda informed faculty as to who has been assigned to conduct the assessments based on the division's master list. A discussion ensued.

Success and Retention Data

The dean stated that she would be distributing success and retention two year averages to each full-time faculty member with the exception of R. Galbavy. Overall the department's success rate average was 69.50% while retention averaged 86.63% during the period from fall 2014 through spring 2014.

Adjunct Assignments and Evaluations

The dean briefly reviewed the current list of adjunct faculty in the department and asked the faculty for recommendations of adjuncts who might be able to teach other than PSYC 3 and 5. With recent new hires it is important for adjunct faculty to understand that future assignments are dependent on satisfactory evaluations.

Currently, the department has nine adjuncts.

Department Activities

Amy Himsel reported that the Psychology Club is quite active this semester and at the last meeting between 25 and 30 students attended.

K. Nguyen and R. Mascolo have former students who are being invited to speak to their 9A and 9B students. Also, R. Galbavy reported that her recent presentation on female genital mutilation was very well attended.

G. Miranda presented information on behalf of A. Simon. Angela had previously sent out an email to the department on the forthcoming brown bag colloquium presentation (Practical Strategies for Promoting Culturally Responsive Teaching) to be moderated by R. Galbavy.

The department is also hosting a speaker on November 18th at Marsee Auditorium. Dr. Janet Schaeffer will present, "No Worries...are you kidding? Living in an Anxious World." The talk is geared to providing practical tips for students.

In spring, L. Suekawa will assist the department in presenting a "Careers in Psychology" workshop.

ARTB Third Floor Computer Replacements

The dean reported that computers will be replaced on the third floor and will advise them when this will happen. The division has requested four LCD projectors which will replace older models that are incompatible with the expected newer computers. The request is in the division's plan builder.

Student Equity Plan

G. Miranda shared information on the results of a survey conducted by Institutional Research that identified campus classes with the lowest success rate for minority students. PSYC 5 was listed along with other division general education courses. The college plans to address these lower success rates which have impacted African American students greater than any other minority group. Potential strategies and projects are being considered for incorporation into the student equity plan.

The department discussed the value of S.I. coaches as part of improving student success. Also, R. Galbavy had volunteered to meet with I. Reyes who had requested a faculty representative from the department meet with her to discuss potential strategies for addressing overall lower success rates by minorities in PSYC 5. She is still awaiting a meeting.

Fall Linked Course

R. Galbavy also reported that she plans to link her Psychology 5 class with a section of Human Development 10 in the fall semester. A discussion ensued on the value of linked courses since this is a new connection for the Psychology Department. The dean has agreed to schedule the linkage.

Compton Center Report

D. McPatchell stated that the department has completed its program review and that there are efforts to revive the Psychology Club at the Center. In addition he noted that he has a recommendation for a speaker should the department need one.

Meeting adjourned at: 2:00 p.m.

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