

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Psychology Department Meeting
October 13, 2015**

MINUTES

Present: M. Braun, R. Galbavy, A. Himself, C. Kroll, D. McPatchell (CEC), R. Mascolo, K. Nguyen, J. Payal, A. Simon, M. Wynne

Absent: J. Farias (unexcused)

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Enrollment/Scheduling Update

The department fill rate reached 104% by census in on-campus classes. The department offered ten online sections which reached a 96% fill rate. A. Himself and R. Galbavy noted greater than normal dropout rates in their online sections this semester.

Summer 2016 scheduling will begin soon and need completion of assignment requests in order to make offers. The dean noted that given the soft enrollments in the past two first summer sessions, increased offerings of PSYC 2 and 3 will be scheduled in addition to more second session offerings in general.

A. Himself indicated she is considering adding an on-campus PSYC 16 to her fall 2016 teaching load.

Curriculum

The department has two course review updates at the DCC level—Psych 7 and 15. The only other course to be updated by fall 2016 is PSYC 10. Otherwise, the department is current in adhering to the six year timeline.

The department discussed possible renumbering sequences to their courses which would include 100 and 200 level numbering. R. Mascolo suggested that core courses for the major would be numbered as 100s with electives listed as 200s. A discussion ensued with the dean asking for a consensus before proceeding to prepare the renumbering of Psychology courses.

SLOs

R. Mascolo stated that all spring 2015 assessment reports had been submitted into TracDat.

A number of Psychology courses are being assessed this semester as follows: PSYC 10 –#1, 2, 3—Wynne; Psych 3 –#1, 2, 3—Himself; PSYC 5 –#1, 2, 3—Galbavy; PSYC 8 – #1, 2, 3—Simon; PSYC 9A –#1, 2, 3—Mascolo.

Planning

M. Braun asked A. Simon to take responsibility for the department's annual program plan. All program plans are to be completed and entered into TracDat by November 15th. The recommendations should be categorized for better prioritization by Division Council later this semester.

Success and Retention

The dean distributed spring 2015 success and retention data for departmental review and reflection. The report does not include data by individual instructor at this time. Institutional Research is planning to add more features to the reports including information by ethnicity.

Adjunct Positions/FT Position Request

R. Mascolo and A. Simon will be reviewing applications for the adjunct pool. The department's part-time ranks are limited in size but particularly for teaching PSYC 9A. G. Miranda updated the department on the full-time position request which she presented last week. The request is for a growth position with an emphasis on the impact the A.A.-T degree has had on PSYC 7, 9A and 9B offerings. More sections are needed to meet student demand. Results of the ranking of positions will be made available next week.

Department Activities

K. Nguyen organized the student symposium held last week. Seven presenters from Psychology 9A/B classes presented. Attendance was good for an evening program with between 50-70 students.

The Psychology Club is planning to host Careers in Psychology presentation by R. Mascolo this Thursday. Additional presentations by R. Mascolo are also planned.

C. Kroll mentioned that a careers workshop for Honors Transfer Program student majoring in Psychology would be welcomed.

A. Simon stated she is trying to get a guest speaker to present this semester.

R. Galbavy will be giving two presentations this semester. The first will be at a conference in Atlanta this week on best practices in online teaching and a follow-up presentation at ECC in November to the Distance Learning Institute.

Brown Bag Suggestion

R. Mascolo asked the senior faculty to remain at the end of the meeting to discuss departmental issues.

Meeting adjourned at: 2:00 p.m.

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