

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Psychology Department Meeting
February 25, 2014**

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Present: M. Braun, T. DeHardt (Compton Center), J. Farias, R. Galbavy, A. Himsel, D. McPatchell (Compton Center), R. Mascolo, A. Simon, M. Wynne

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Enrollment Update/Fall Scheduling/Online Assignment Changes

G. Miranda updated the department on Psychology sections added this semester as second eight-week offerings. The two sections are PSYC 2 (online sections) and an on campus PSYC 5 class. Faculty were encouraged to recommend the PSYC 5 class to students who are considering dropping their sections this semester. The online PSYC 2 is filling more rapidly.

Additional classes have been added to the division total offerings for fall in all departments per directives to the deans to grow their schedule offerings. The challenge in increasing offerings is the availability of classrooms at prime time and the shortage of instructors available to teach online sections where the demand has also increased. Online assignments have been relaxed for full-time faculty but without a trainer instructors those who want to teach online cannot complete the Etudes training requirements. A number of faculty have completed the first part of their Etudes training but not the second semester.

Curriculum Update

Math 73 has been added as a prerequisite for Psych 9A. Math 80 is already a prerequisite.

The Sociology AA-T degree has been submitted to the College Curriculum Review to revise the requirements under List A to include Psychology 9A along with Sociology 109 in that category since the two courses are identical.

The DCC recently reviewed the new Psychology proposal—Cultural Psychology (PSYC 17) which will be forwarded to the CCC this semester. The dean will submit a request to the VPAA for this new course request. R. Galbavy wrote the proposal which was very well done.

PSYC 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 15 are due this semester for course updates. Please check with Beverly for copies of the course outlines. J. Farias, A. Simon, R. Mascolo and A. Himsel had previously received the outlines to update.

SLOs

The department's SLOs are not on the college website. The dean will follow-up on this. R. Mascolo reported the department would be assessing each year. He asked if the department faculty would like to see the assessment reports for PSYC 5 which was completed last semester. He will send everyone the results.

Degrees Report Update

G. Miranda informed the faculty of the total degrees awarded in 2012-13 in Psychology. Fifty-one students received associate degrees, the highest for any discipline. This represented a huge increase from 17 awarded in 2011-12. Of these 51 degrees, 31 were A.A.-T degrees.

Local MQs for Psychology

The dean discussed the differences in the local minimum qualifications for teaching Psychology and the state standard which is broader. The current local MQ for Psychology is: "Master's in psychology OR the equivalent" while the state's is: "Master's degree in psychology OR bachelor's degree in psychology AND master's degree in counseling, sociology, statistics, neuroscience, or social work OR the equivalent." The faculty preferred to keep the local MQ at this time and noted that they have not had issues of equivalency surface in quite some time.

Department Activities

Angela Simon distributed copies of the department's Fall 2013 program review prioritized recommendations with a focus on three of the fourteen. She briefly discussed the possibility of holding brown bag meetings which could be attended by full and part-time instructors. Also discussed was offering a careers workshop for psychology students and hosting a get-together for the department's adjuncts.

R. Galbavy stated that through the Psychology Club she is working on a presentation on the topic of serial killers and has contacted the Social Justice Center. She is interested in pursuing the topic of refugee mental health.

R. Galbavy is also considering offering a workshop for a future professional development presentation, possibly for spring 2015, on being culturally responsive teaching.

Angela also stated that it has yet to be decided who will be this semester's guest speaker.

Two instructors have S.I. coaches this semester, R. Galbavy and M. Wynne. Renee stated that 42 students turned out for the last S.I. session for her classes. M. Wynne indicated that S.I. is working well in his classes this semester.

Supply and Instructional Needs

Instructors were reminded to submit their requests for media materials, supplies or non-instructional equipment to Maria as soon as possible. The issue of decoders for hard of hearing students was raised in response to comments that not all Youtube video clips have this feature. G. Miranda informed the department that she is purchasing three this semester for SOCS building classrooms. Unfortunately, decoders were not part of the remodel a few years ago. The hope is to have all rooms with decoders.

Angela Simon asked if a banner could be purchased for the Psychology Club. The dean will check to see if this is allowable.

PSYC 9A Hybrid

D. McPatchell inquired if the department would approve him to offer a hybrid version of PSYC 9A. He would conduct the lecture portion on campus and have students do the lab component online.

R. Mascolo agreed on a pilot basis but wanted to see what type of assignments and resources

D. McPatchell would be using. The dean directed them to consult before fully proceeding on this request. She also reminded David that he must be involved in the online lab component equally with the lecture.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:55 p.m.

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