

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Psychology Department Meeting  
April 21, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** J. Farias, R. Galbavy, R. Mascolo, K. Nguyen, D. McPatchell (CEC), A. Simon, M. Wynne

**Excused:** A. Himsel

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

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**Enrollment/Future Scheduling**

The department produced 256 FTES this semester. The department's online offerings grew to ten sections this term and contributed to the higher FTES generated by the department. Spring 2016 schedule development is in progress and the dean reminded the department that to grow other than PSYC 5, expansion of course offerings in high demand like PSYC 7, 15, 16 as well as PSYC 9A and 9B are necessary. The challenge in scheduling additional sections of PSYC 9A and PSYC 9B lies in computer lab availability on campus.

R. Mascolo recommended K. Nguyen to teach PSYC 7 in the spring 2016 semester.

Psychology 17, the new cultural psychology course, will be offered for the first time in spring 2016.

**Curriculum CI-D Issues**

The following courses need to be updated as part of course review: PSYC 7 and 15. Psychology 10 is not due to be updated until Fall 2016. For any future updates, the division office will provide the CI-D template.

M. Braun requested that PSYC 21 be re-activated. The dean asked that he provide comparable lower division offerings at CSUs and UCs. The department will need to affirm the request before it is submitted to the DCC.

The dean also requested that the department submit the proposed renumbering their courses to three numerals soon.

**SLO Assessments**

This semester's assessment schedule includes all SLOs for Psychology 2, 7, 9B, 12, 15 and 16; all three PLOs are also being assessed. R. Mascolo will continue to coordinate the department's assessments.

**Program Plan Updates**

Angela Simon reminded her colleagues that the department's program review recommendation to offer workshops for psychology students on employment opportunities, graduate work in psychology and research presentation opportunities for majors. R. Mascolo has already presented on graduate school last semester. Angela indicated that Counseling might assist in setting up presentations.

**Success and Retention**

G. Miranda distributed copies of success and retention information for the fall2014 semester. The data was for both on campus and online offerings. Unfortunately, the fall statistics do not include data by each instructor.

The department averaged 70% success and 89% retention for on campus classes in fall 2014 but online averaged 57% success and 85% retention.

### **Department Activities**

The department participated in the Career and Majors Fair and a career panel discussion is planned for next Thursday. The Psychology Club will be hosting this presentation. The goal is to offer one brown bag program each semester. R. Galbavy has already offered two sessions. She inquired about a best practices forum for online teaching.

This Thursday the department is hosting a guest lecture by Scott Plunkett from CSU Northridge.

R. Galbavy reported that the Psychology Club has had guest speakers this semester and also visited the psychiatry museum recently. Fifteen students are regular attendees at club meetings.

K. Nguyen reported that the annual student symposium is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

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

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