

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT MEETING
October 15, 2009

Minutes

Present: M. Braun, A. Himsel, A. Simon, S. Thornton, M. Wynne; and D. McPatchell, H. Williams (Compton Educational Center)

Absent: J. Farias (excused), R. Mascolo (excused)

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Enrollment Issues

The department's fill rate by first census reached 107%. Most classes continue to have high enrollments. Winter and spring cancellations were discussed as well as maintaining the maximum class size within reason. Three Psyc 5 sections were cancelled for spring and one of Psyc 15 (Abnormal Psychology). The dean also reported that she expects to cut the summer session by 10%.

SLOs

All courses have SLOs. The department conducted assessments of Psyc 5 last semester. R. Mascolo has the assessment data from last semester which needs to be reviewed. J. Farias will need to redistribute the assessment schedule since several courses are due to be assessed in spring 2010.

Curriculum

Psyc 2 has been approved for UC transfer. A. Himsel is completing a new course proposal for a course on gender. S. Thornton is interested in a course on personality and J. Farias is attempting to complete a course proposal on Chicano psychology.

Department Planning Process

The department is revising and editing the unit plans. A critical request is for an upgrade of the Psychology Lab computer. G. Miranda will add the request to the bond equipment list.

Compton Center Update

Enrollments are up at the center but there are scheduling concerns. Psyc 15 (Abnormal Psychology) has been scheduled as an 8-week offering in spring 2010. The department was concerned that such an advanced course with a great deal of content was not educationally appropriate or sound.

H. Williams reported that there is an interest in re-starting Psi Beta at the center.

D. McPatchell stated that he finally will have an office by winter 2010.

Department Activities

This fall semester's guest speaker is R. Mascolo who will be presenting on forensic psychology later this term.

Psychology Club

The club is doing well according to A. Himsel. The club president is very enthusiastic and there are plans for members to possibly revisit the Scientology Museum. There is interest in having a speaker from Antioch College present, too. Finally, interest in beginning a Psi Beta chapter on campus continues to be discussed with the Student Activities office.

Department Chairs

The pros and cons of department chairs were briefly discussed.

Other Items (Equipment, Media Needs, Book Publication)

The Psychology Lab has been relocated to the office adjacent to J. Farias. A. Simon inquired about the purchase of a portable smart classroom. Also, an updated media catalog was requested.

S. Thornton inquired if the department was interested in collaborating on a critical thinking text. Those present did not express any interest at this time.

Meeting adjourned at: 2:00 p.m.

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