

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Psychology Department Meeting
April 9, 2009**

MINUTES

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

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Enrollment Status

The department faculty reported that most of their classes continue to have good enrollments. By first census the department had reached 104% fill rates in all weekly course sections.

The dean reported that next year's class schedules will maintain the same number of section offerings as five year's previous totals. Distance Education offerings are not expected to increase either but evaluation of attrition rates is being considered as a criteria for future assignments.

Curriculum

The department has several courses that must be updated this semester and put into CurricuWare: Psychology 2, 7, 8, 15 and 16. Psychology 7 and 8 should be ready for DCC review this month.

Course Audit List

The faculty agreed that all Psychology courses should be available for students to audit. Instructors have the final say in accepting or rejecting audit requests.

SLOs

J. Farias, R. Mascolo and A. Simon agreed to meet to develop questions and assessment instructions for Psychology 5. A lengthy discussion ensued on SLOs in general.

Program Review

A. Simon will spearhead the final follow-up on the department's program review. At the review session, A. Simon was informed that the college considered the self-study a model which would be submitted to the Accreditation Commission.

Department Activities

R. Mascolo reported that he would like to have a former ECC student give a guest lecture this semester.

The Psychology Symposium will probably be held the second to last week of classes this semester. R. Mascolo also plans to offer a Careers in Psychology workshop for students interested in majoring in Psychology.

J. Farias plans to have a hypnotherapist give a guest lecture in his classes again this semester.

D. McPatchell attended a Teaching of Psychology conference this past January in Florida and provided the department faculty with packets he obtained from this conference.

Psychology Club

A. Himsel stated that the Psychology Club plans to view an educational video on prejudice in preparation for a visit to the Museum of Tolerance.

Compton Center Report

D. McPatchell reported that classes are going well at the Center. There are good enrollments including his Psychology 3 online section. David also mentioned that he had personal equipment (LCD projector) stolen from his office at Compton in spite of a deadbolt lock.

Facilities/Classroom/Psych Lab

J. Farias would like a DVD/VCR combo for ArtB 348. Currently only a VCR unit is available in the classroom. One has been ordered for installation.

The division recently received clickers for use by interested faculty. A. Himsel indicated that she might be able to use them in her classes.

Not all ArtB classrooms have LCD projectors and the dean stated that when the Socs building is vacated for remodeling, some of the LCD's in that building could be installed in ArtB classrooms.

S. Thornton discussed a possible way to raise funds for the Psych Lab—having faculty use a customized textbook from Pearson Publishing. The publisher would give royalties.

More discussion on this suggestion is needed since the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:59 p.m.

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