

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Psychology Department Meeting
October 6, 2011**

MINUTES

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

Absent: A. Himsel (on leave)

Meeting began at: 1:05 p.m.

Spring Scheduling/Rotations and Assignments

G. Miranda informed the department that no Psychology courses were cancelled for the abbreviated winter session. A couple of unstaffed PSYC 5 sections were eliminated from the spring 2012 schedule. There were a total of 16 division cancellations.

Also briefly discussed was the rotation of courses during this period of reduced section offerings.

SLOs

S. Thornton is now the department facilitator for SLOs. J. Farias has accepted several campus assignments and needed to step down. The courses to be assessed this fall semester include, PSYC 3 (Wynne), PSYC 5 (Thornton—complete report for last semester), PSYC 9A and SOCI 109 (Mascolo—compile last semester’s results) and PSYC 12 (Braun). J. Young, the division facilitator is available to assist faculty in completing their assessments and reports.

Plan Builder

M. Braun is the department’s primary lead for plan builder and requested feedback from his colleagues on recommendations to be put into the 2012-13 plan. G. Miranda reviewed last year’s objectives. M. Wynne recommended keeping the request for a FT faculty position in the list of department recommendations even if the program FT/PT ratio does not reflect a great disparity. The FT/PT ratio has been impacted by section cutbacks over the past few semesters. Currently, the number of part-time faculty in Psychology is down to four.

Curriculum: Transfer Model, PSYC 9A/9B Articulation Update

G. Miranda distributed the email results sent to her by Lori Suekawa on the articulation submission to Humboldt State. Humboldt has accepted PSYC 9A and PSYC 9B but denied Math 150 (Stats). This generated a discussion since Math 150 was included as an alternate choice for Psychology at the request of the ECC articulation office. M. Wynne asked if Humboldt State might be in violation of the new state legislation SB 1440 on the transfer model curriculum. G. Miranda will follow-up with L. Suekawa.

Distance Ed Online Review

G .Miranda circulated recently compiled distance education success and retention rates (vs. on campus rates) for the spring 2011 semester. A brief discussion ensued but in general online success and retention was lower in the division than counterpart on-campus offerings.

Compton Center Report and SLO

D. McPatchell reported that classes are full at the CEC, he had previously sent the department copies of the SLO for the combined Psychology and Human Development programs at Compton and has received some feedback. The importance of a second full-time instructor in the Psychology Department at Compton was stressed since David is handling a large number of out-of-class committee assignments.

Department Activities

S. Thornton reported that the Psychology Club is off to a good start and has discussed establishing Psi Beta but will require funds so she asked if the faculty wanted to make a contribution. S. Thornton also asked for a volunteer to help co-advise the Psyc Club. E. Galvan volunteered to assist.

A. Simon and S.Thornton will represent the department at the forthcoming Career and Transfer Fair.

A. Simon also reported that she is working on a department speaker to present at the Marsee Auditorium during the November 17-20th time period.

R. Mascolo still is in need of a lab instructor for next semester.

M. Braun referred to an article he will distribute to his colleagues regarding the oversized graduate population and limited number of employment opportunities in the mental health field.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:55 p.m.

cc: T. Fallo
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