

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Psychology Department Meeting
October 31, 2013**

MINUTES

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

Meeting began at: 1:00 p.m.

Scheduling

G. Miranda informed the department that she will begin to offer more than one section of courses traditionally offered as one section per term. The PSYC 3 and 5 sections are at a saturation point and for students who want to take other courses such as PSYC 2, 8 or 12, this will meet that demand. The department already offers PSYC 7 and 16 although these are offered as one campus and one online section each term. Should growth take place in additional section offerings this might be very significant for justifying additional full-time positions.

Curriculum Updates

PSYC 9A and 9B have been reviewed and approved by the CCC. At that meeting the Math representative inquired if Math 67 might be added as a prerequisite for PSYC 9A. The response at this time is not to consider that course as a prerequisite. It is an accelerated non-transferrable and relatively new course.

After a brief discussion, the department recommended not to consider offering online sections of PSYC 9A and PSYC 9B.

Course review for PSYC 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 is forthcoming. Beverly will send out the outlines for updates this semester. R. Galbavy has developed a draft proposal for a new course, PSYC 17—Cultural Psychology, and would like feedback from the department. Once finalized, the course will be submitted to the DCC for review and approval. Although new courses have been restricted in recent years, a strong justification is essential for approval by the VPAA. The dean is supportive of this new proposal which would be comparable to others widely established elsewhere.

C-ID designations for various Psychology courses have been approved but conditional approval of PSYC 2 is predicated on inclusion of research methods in the content. The update must take place within one year.

SLOs

R. Mascolo distributed a handout with suggested SLO assessment items for PSYC 5. Both PSYC 5 and 10 are being assessed this semester.

Program Review

G. Miranda asked that the department give A. Simon feedback on the draft program review. The scheduled review date for the department's self-study is November 21st. The draft is still in development.

S.I. Survey Results

G. Miranda distributed copies of the spring 2013 S.I. survey results for PSYC 5 that indicated that students who attended three or more S.I. sessions achieved 83% higher success in earning an A, B, or C grade than the 55% for the entire class. A. Himsel noted that the S.I. coach made the difference in her experience.

Success and Retention Rates

The dean distributed spring 2013 division, departmental, course and individual instructor success and retention rates for review.

Department Activities

This year's Psychology Club faculty co-advisors are R. Galbavy and A. Himsel. The club has strong membership with an average of 25 to 30 students. The club will have an academic counselor attend next week's meeting and the students are planning to have a career table at the career and majors fair.

R. Mascolo is scheduled to give a presentation on Brain Damage on November 14th. A second guest lecture is scheduled for November 19th.

Other

The renumbering of department courses will need to be revisited in order to submit when given approval by the CCC. A. Himsel is in charge of this project.

Meeting adjourned at: 2:00 p.m.

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