

**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Psychology Department Meeting  
April 25, 2013**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** M. Braun, T. DeHardt (PT), J. Farias, E. Galvan (PT), A. Himsel, R. Mascolo, D. McPatchell (Compton), K. Nguyen (PT), A. Simon, M. Wynne

**Meeting began at:** 1:05 p.m.

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**Enrollment/Scheduling Updates**

G. Miranda informed the department that she has added two additional sections of PSYC 5 for summer and three more for fall 2013 as part of the college's efforts to generate additional FTES which will offset the lower totals this year.

D. McPatchell stated that he would like to offer PSYC 9A/9B as a hybrid in the near future since the center does not have a dedicated lab available for use. A discussion ensued, weighing the pros and cons of a hybrid for the lab portion of these classes. D. McPatchell was asked to continue discussing the request with R. Mascolo in order to determine if an addendum to the courses would be forwarded for curriculum review.

The department was informed that spring 2014 schedule development will soon begin.

**SLO Assessments**

PSYC 9B and PSYC 15 are on target to be completed by the May 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline. In addition, the dean encouraged the SLO assessment timeline be maintained. In response, A. Himsel stated that she and M. Wynne should have the assessment for PSYC 16 completed soon.

**Curriculum**

Course updates for PSYC 9A/9B, and SOCI 109 are almost complete but lack information on Math entrance skills in order to submit for DCC and CCC review.

Later this semester, PSYC 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 15, and 16 outlines will be sent to the department for updates. While the division is a year ahead, the dean wants to maintain the timeline for the course review cycle a year in advance.

PSYC 22 (Sports Psychology) will be inactivated since it has not been offered in three years. M. Braun would like to offer PSYC 21 (Psychology of Consciousness), the other course not offered in the past three years. He will follow-up with the dean.

**Success and Retention**

G. Miranda distributed department and course success and retention rates. A discussion ensued regarding the criteria used to measure success rates. The college adheres to the Chancellor's Office methodology for averaging success and retention.

**SRC – Disabled Students**

G. Miranda conveyed a message from D. Patel, SRC Director, regarding the importance of faculty not only stating the official policy for accommodating disabled students, but applying it in practice. Dipte had informed the dean that often adjuncts are not kept current on what their responsibilities are for ensuring that accommodations for disabled students are applied in accordance with legal mandates.

**Department Activities**

Amy Himsel reported that the Psychology Club is inactive and has no current leadership to stimulate interest. A discussion ensued with a focus on talking it up among students in various Psychology classes.

Angela Simon announced that the guest speaker this semester will be the director of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Dr. Paul Stansberry. The presentation will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup> in the Campus Theatre.

The annual student symposium for Psychology is scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup> in Haag Recital Hall from 5-7 p.m.

**Academic Awards**

This year's division Presidential Scholar will be psychology major Rachel Sanchez. Faculty are invited to attend the ceremony which will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m.

**Full-Time Position Update**

The dean announced that final interviews are scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Other**

Amy Himsel and Angela Simon are working on the department's program review and will soon be sending out a survey.

D. McPatchell distributed copies of materials he collected at the national institute for the teaching of psychology which was held at St. Petersburg, Florida, this year. He also reported that the Center will be having final interviews at the end of May to select a full-time psychologist.

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

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