

MINUTES

Psychology Department

Friday, August 27, 2021

1:00 pm, Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/99482396746>

Present: Professors Ahmed, Alcalá, Beals, Ben Hagai, Blackman (chair), Blandón-Gitlin, Gerkens Goetz, Harrison, Lukaszewski, Madracki, Mearns, Mori, Navarick, Nguyen, Okado, Pattison, Peissig, Preston, Roberts, Scher, Segal, Self, Shimazu, Trevitt, Zettel-Watson
Student Representatives: Ruiz, Samaan

On Leave: Professors Panza, Stohs

Absent: Professors Espinoza, Marelich, Sy

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Blackman, Chair.

1. Important Dates

Sunday	August 29	Last day students will be enrolled from the waitlist
Mon-Tues	Aug 30-Sept 7	Dept. issued permit required to add classes
Friday	September 17	Next Faculty Meeting

2. Announcements

- Dr. Blackman welcomed the faculty back to campus and welcomed new tenure-track faculty member Asya Harrison. She also congratulated Drs. Alcalá and Roberts for their early tenure and promotion.
- Dr. Blackman announced that 76% of students and faculty have uploaded their vaccination documents.
- Dr. Blackman mentioned that if there is a COVID outbreak in a class, students are required to report it to the Health Center, and the Health Center will reach out to the faculty member to let them know that there is a student that tested positive. They will also reach out to all the students in the class. Faculty are not responsible for notifying the class; that is done by the Health Center and the Administration.
- Dr. Blackman welcomed back Lizette Ruiz as the faculty meeting student representative from PAGSOCA, and Allison Samaan as the PsiChi Treasurer student representative for faculty meetings; Allison will be alternating with 2 other PsiChi officers at each faculty meeting.
- Dr. Blackman announced that she has moved offices. She has switched offices with Dr. Self and is now available in her new office (H-810A) Monday through Thursday 9:00-5:00pm if faculty need her. She also mentioned that her dad is on hospice and she is commuting from Fallbrook. If an email happens to slip by her, she would appreciate it if faculty can send her another email. She emphasized that she is here to fully support the faculty during the transition back to campus.
- Dr. Blackman reported that the Beginning of the Year Party has been postponed.
- Dr. Blackman announced that there is a counselor available in the faculty commons, PLS-239 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10-4pm if faculty need to talk to someone. They will be there until 9/21.
- Dr. Blackman announced that the mail is not getting picked up or delivered regularly and if faculty need something mailed to them, they might consider having it mailed to their personal residence if they need it quickly.

- Dr. Blackman announced good news: Dr. Trevitt is moving to the 7th floor and the 2nd Advisement Office will now be located next to the original Advisement Office, allowing the Department to serve more students.
- Dr. Blackman mentioned that she is in the process of creating Canvas pages for faculty and staff to access emails and documents that she has sent out. She will keep faculty posted.
- Dr. Self announced that the Academic Senate had their first meeting yesterday. A long term goal is to have a more inclusive community at CSUF, and the Academic Senate and university committees have been working to revise the old UPS documents to eliminate structural racism. UPS 210.002 (Tenure and Promotion Personnel Standards), was revised and passed in June this year. Yesterday the AS passed a resolution to encourage individual departments to revise their Department Personnel Standards to conform to the newly revised UPS. The Psychology Department revised these standards a couple of years ago, which was a lot of work, but with recent emphasis on diversity and inclusion, faculty of color are packed with committee work because they are minority, (they are being asked to be on the diversity and inclusion rated committees a lot); or for SOQs, research shows there is a certain bias against some groups of people, so UPS now shows SOQs are neither valid nor reliable measures of teaching effectiveness. SOQs must be interpreted cautiously and contextually. The AS is recommending each department discuss and submit revisions to the college review committee by September 2023.
- Dr. Peissig reminded faculty to sign up PSYC 494 students as a classroom assistant; students can be helpful with online classes as well. She will send out an email with the form that needs to be filled out and sent back to her. Paper forms will be accepted as well. Both Zoom and in-person workshops will be held for 494 new students.
- Dr. Beals announced that Peer Mentors is off to a good start and asked faculty to be on the lookout for an email from Peer Mentors, They will be requesting to make an announcement about Peer Mentors in classes either in person or online. Next week they will start their office hours, 2/3 will be in person and 1/3 via Zoom and by appointment. She asked faculty to please read the email when they receive it.
- Professor Madracki announced that there are some 495 students still looking for placements and there are approximately 400 495 students this semester. Also, there are still about 20 spaces available in section 1 of Psyc 495 for students who want to work with faculty but say they can't find a class.
- Dr. Blackman welcomed professor Madracki aboard as the new PSYC 495 Field Placement Coordinator. She is taking over for Dr. Stohs permanently.
- Dr. Gerkens posted in the chat: If you are able, please consider adding your class or classes to the research pool. Just email me (dgerkens@fullerton.edu) the Class number, section number, 5 digit schedule number, and whether it is for extra credit or if there is a requirement.

3. **Minutes**, M/S/P (Trevitt, Zettel-Watson) to approve the Minutes of May 14, 2021 as distributed.

4. **Committees**

Search – Dr. Beals reported that she will be the Chair for the Search Committee and will be in touch with Dr. Blackman to find out the deadlines and dates for required trainings.

5. **New Business**

Curriculum – Dr. Navarick explained to the faculty that when submitting the approved course changes in Curriculog last May for the description and prerequisite changes to PSYC 499 and 494, Graduate Studies raised challenges; currently Psyc 494 and 499 are undergraduate courses available for graduate credit, and Graduate Studies does not see them as warranting graduate credit. The Curriculum Committee felt it was important for the faculty to vote on that. M/S/P (Navarick, Mearns) to change the statement for PSYC 499 on graduate credit to “400-level Undergraduate Course not available for Graduate Credit” (*approved, 18 in favor, 1 abstention*). M/S/P (Navarick, Mearns) to change the statement for PSYC 494 on graduate credit to “400-level Undergraduate Course not available for Graduate Credit” and begin development of a 594 course modeled on undergraduate class assistant but tailored to graduate students (*approved, 18 in favor, 1 abstention*).

Dr. Blackman asked faculty if there were any issues to be discussed or how they are doing; any questions or concerns, or any positive aspects. She reminded faculty that they are not required to have in-person office hours, and 20% of class can be online as long as students are notified ahead of time and notify the staff as well.

Dr. Blackman welcomed Jeanette Pattison, new part-time lecturer.

Meeting adjourned.