

## MINUTES

Psychology Department

Friday, April 9, 2021

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

Present: Professors Ahmed, Alcalá, Beals, Ben Hagai, Blackman (chair), Blandón-Gitlin, Gerkens Goetz, Mearns, Mori, Navarick, Nguyen, Okado, Panza, Peissig, Preston, Roberts, Scher, Segal, Stohs, Sy, Trevitt, Wagoner, Zettel-Watson  
Student Representatives: Hassan, Ruiz

On Leave: Professors Self, Espinoza

Absent: Professors Lukaszewski, Marelich

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

### 1. Important Dates

**Friday                      May 25                      Grades due**

### 2. Announcements

- Dr. Blackman announced that IT will be replacing roll out desktop computers with laptop computers that will come with a docking station with keyboard and mouse. Dr. Segal mentioned that faculty should ask for the accessory that allows you to use the regular USB port.
- Dr. Blackman stated that the FDC is offering stipends for taking online Zoom classes this summer (\$500 per class, up to 3 classes) on Canvas and teaching remotely (must be teaching online or hybrid this summer or fall to qualify).
- Dr. Blackman announced that faculty, staff and students will be required to be tested for COVID once a week if not vaccinated when we return to campus; HRDI will send out an email about this.
- Dr. Blackman mentioned that travel restrictions will be lifted starting June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Dr. Blackman stated that about 65% of the fall classes will be in person. The staff and Dr. Blackman will return to campus July 1<sup>st</sup> and the Provost shared that this summer she is hoping to ramp up on-campus research; we are heading in a very positive direction. Fall classes already scheduled as face-to-face will remain that way. No social distancing, but masks will be required.
- Dr. Peissig reminded faculty to submit PSYC 494 supervisor evaluation forms to her. If faculty are not sure if they have any 494 students, they can email her and she will check.

3. Minutes, M/S/P (Sy, Trevitt) to approve the Minutes of April 9, 2021 as distributed.

### 4. Committees

**Curriculum** – Dr. Navarick reported that the university is restarting the certification of GE courses that was on hold for several years. The Department is required to submit sample syllabi that have to be in compliance. The GE Committee has created checklists for the various GE areas and the Curriculum Committee will distribute them soon. It will include a list of Psychology courses approved for GE and an updated list of the areas that these courses are in (there have been many changes since Spring '21). Faculty can use the checklist as a guide when preparing their syllabi.

**Research** – Dr. Gerkens asked faculty to remind their research assistants to issue credit for experiments completed, before the research pool closes at 5:00 pm today.

**Program Performance Review** – Dr. Blackman reported that the program performance review will be conducted next year. The MA and MS programs will be evaluated, and the reviewers will give feedback. At that time, the faculty can discuss the grad programs. Today Dr. Mearns will give an update on what the MS Committee has been up to.

**MS** – Dr. Mearns reported that there are 4 core clinical faculty members right now; Drs. Mearns, Okado, Panza and Ahmed. They have been meeting monthly before the faculty meetings to discuss the feedback from students (things they would like to change in the program) particularly related to diversity and cross cultural stuff, and reevaluating the clinical curriculum; and more long term, what the program will be like when Dr. Mearns retires. The MS program is a scientist-practitioner program, which is rare for a master's level program. Training clinicians with a background in science gives them a better ability to be objective to what is happening in clinical settings. The committee was disappointed that the search was changed suddenly at the last faculty meeting from a clinical hire to health disparities; last year the G&D committee sought input, looked at the needs of the department, and decided that we needed to have a clinical hire. One of the goals is to diversify the faculty of the program. We have many students who are first in the family to go to college; we have people who are being trained to be clinicians for much needed areas; and we train many bi-lingual clinicians that intend to go out and serve under-represented peoples. The program is a great benefit to the community. A discussion was held and the MS graduate studies committee members answered questions about the program.

**Commencement** – Dr. Nguyen announced that the Department's graduate virtual hooding ceremony will be on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11 AM and encouraged faculty to attend. Dr. Ben Hagai announced that the commencement video will be released next week.

## 5. **New Business**

**Faculty Meeting Format** – Dr. Blackman asked faculty which method they preferred for the faculty meetings in the fall: Zoom, hybrid or in person? A discussion was held and it was decided to continue with Zoom and assess how it is going at the end of October.

**Student Representative Position Input** – Dr. Blackman asked the student representatives for input on the position (what we can do to enhance the position, how to include the student reps more, the election process). It was decided to let the student reps email their input to Dr. Blackman to give them more time.

**Curriculum** – Dr. Navarick reminded faculty that an email was sent out with the recommendations for changes to the courses that were reviewed as part of the annual course review (PSYC 414, 415, 494 and 499). M/S/P (Navarick, Peissig) to change the catalog description and prerequisites for PSYC 414 (*approved unanimously*). M/S/P (Mearns, Sy) to approve all of the curriculum changes as noted in the email faculty received (PSYC 415 and 494 description changes and PSYC 499 prerequisite change (*approved unanimously*)).

**Goals & Directions** – Dr. Blackman reported that the Dean wants us to make sure a procedure is in place for release time and committee assignments that are equitable and inclusive, and set up a committee called CoJet that can help with these negotiations if necessary. The Dr. Trevitt reported that the committee reviewed the Department positions and came up with recommendations.

M/S/P (Trevitt, Sy) –with revisions and amendments: MA and MS Coordinator positions – Term: 3 years, renewable with a 2-term limit. Qualifications: tenure, at least 2 years prior service on MA/MS committee. Method of appointment: vote by full-time faculty. (*18 in favor, 1 abstention*).

M/S/P (Trevitt, Sy)—with revisions and amendments: Advising – Term: Full-time Faculty, 3 years renewable; Part-time Faculty, length of current appointment, up to 3 years, renewable provided continued appointment. Qualifications: none. Method of appointment: vote by full-time faculty and part-time faculty with a 3AY contract-1 full vote each (*approved unanimously*).

M/S/P (Trevitt, Peissig) Advising Coordinator – Term: 3 years, renewable. Qualifications: 1-year prior service as a Faculty Advisor. Method of appointment: vote by Faculty Advisors (*approved unanimously*).

M/S/P (Trevitt, Sy) IACUC representative – Term: 3-years, renewable. Qualifications: current work with vertebrate animals (either teaching or research). Method of appointment: vote by Full-time Faculty (*18 in favor, 1 opposed*).

Dr. Blackman thanked Joseph Wagoner for his wonderful job teaching in the Department; he is going on to a post-doctoral research position, and wish him well.

Dr. Blackman thanked everyone for a wonderful year; she hopes they have a wonderful relaxing summer and that she is available if they need her.

Meeting adjourned.