

MINUTES

Psychology Department

Friday, September 17, 2021

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

Present: Professors Ahmed, Alcalá, Beals, Ben Hagai, Blackman (chair), Blandón-Gitlin, Cheng, Espinoza, Gerkens, Goetz, Harrison, Lukaszewski, Madracki, Marelich, Mearns, Morton, Navarick, Nguyen, Okado, Peissig, Preston, Roberts, Scher, Segal, Self, Siegmund, Sy, Trevitt, Zettel-Watson
Student Representatives: Nguyen, Ruiz
On Leave: Professors Panza, Stohs
Absent: Professor Mori

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

1. Important Dates

Friday	October 15	Next Faculty Meeting
Thursday	November 11	Veterans Day, Campus closed
Friday	November 12	Final deadline to withdraw from courses
Mon-Sun	November 22-28	Fall Recess, no classes
Thurs-Fri	November 25-26	Thanksgiving Recess, campus closed
Friday	December 10	Last day of instruction
Monday	January 3	Grades Due

2. Announcements

- Dr. Blackman welcomed the faculty to the 2nd faculty meeting of the semester. She welcomed Lindsay Siegmund, new part-time faculty member teaching PSYC 391 and also an internship advisor with the College of Business and Economics, and student representative for faculty meetings, Soren Nguyen, PsiChi President.
- Dr. Blackman announced that Provost Thomas sent out a reminder email that September 20th is the deadline for compliance where students either need to have an exemption for their vaccination or comply. Students may be locked out of their portal for non-compliance and Provost Thomas recommends not supplying materials to those students.
- Dr. Blackman asked faculty to send her information for the “In the Loop” Department Newsletter by September 30th for the October edition.
- Dr. Espinoza announced that IRB has just approved face-to-face research off campus (it had only been face-to-face for on campus), effective immediately.
- Dr. Blackman mentioned that the DRS (Department Research Stipend), has been amended to cover animal care (in addition to open-access publishing and participant incentives).
- Dr. Self announced that this year’s One Book One CSUF, “They Called Us Enemy” is like a comic book and a fast read. The Asian American Pacific Islander Faculty and Staff Association will host a panel discussion on the book on Wednesday, October 13th, 12-1PM in the TSU. A flyer will be emailed out shortly. She encouraged faculty to read the book and attend the panel discussion (and invite your students as well).

3. **Minutes**, M/S/P (Sy, Segal) to approve the Minutes of August 27, 2021 as distributed.

4. **Committees**
Goals & Directions – Dr. Trevitt reported that the committee has 2 motions: 1) M/S/P (Trevitt, Peissig) to have a Vice Chair position in the Department, 1 year term, renewable; appointed by the current chair and receive 1 course release per semester as compensation. Amended to include, the Vice Chair should not be committed to make personnel decisions without department consent (*approved unanimously*). 2) M/S/P (Trevitt, Sy) to split the DPC into 2 committees, one that is evaluating Tenure/Tenure-track faculty and one that is evaluating Part Time Lecturer faculty. Same terms and same election process as before, so instead of 5 committee members, there would be 2 3-member committees with 1 alternate per committee; top 6 split into 2 committees. Amended to increase to 9 committee members (plus 2 alternates) and the committee decides who will be the chair (that oversees all the work and deadlines) and who will be on which of the 2 committees (*approved unanimously*).

5. **Old Business**
MA/MS Coordinator/Undergraduate Advisor Election – Dr. Blackman reported that after collaboration with DEI, it was decided to hold off on the elections as individuals needed more time to decide if they wanted to be nominated for these positions (over the summer) and it was too much of a rush to have an election and train individuals for these roles. The idea is to have an election in October and have these positions start on June 1 (with time to train and mentor with these positions). Dr. Blackman mentioned for the MA and MS Coordinators, to have an electronic election in which the nominees submit candidate's statements and have an election by the full-time faculty. And for the undergraduate advisors, an electronic election in October, and nominees submit candidate's statements and those positions elected by full-time and part-time faculty. Dr. Blackman asked for feedback and ideas from faculty. An idea was expressed about getting graduate student feedback for MA and MS Coordinators. A discussion was held. Dr. Blackman will put out a call for the MA and MS nominees as well as the undergraduate advisors to develop statements and circulate them around mid-October, and give a week for the election. The discussion continued and it was decided to table the discussion to the October faculty meeting and postpone the election until November.

6. **New Business**
Curriculum – Dr. Navarick mentioned that a new course proposal for PSYC 432 Contemporary Theories of Personality was distributed; this course is currently a special course that has been offered 4 times and created as part of a package a few years ago in which the Department voted to divide theory and research in the area of personality into 2 categories, traditional approaches and contemporary approaches. It is reflected in the current catalog description for PSYC 331 and is also represented in PSYC 431 Traditional Theories of Personality. Now the special course is being turned into a permanent course, the counterpart to PSYC 431. M/S/P (Navarick, Trevitt) to approve the new course proposal for PSYC 432. A discussion was held regarding the

coverage of the topics in the course. A friendly amendment was suggested to rename the course to Evolutionary Theories of Personality (*approved*).

Meeting adjourned.