

# MINUTES

Psychology Department

Friday, April 15, 2022

1:00 pm, Zoom <https://fullerton.zoom.us/j/6463923121>

Present: Professors Ahmed, Alcalá, Beals, Ben Hagai, Blackman, Blandón-Gitlin, Cheng, Espinoza, Gerkens, Goetz, Gower, Harrison, Lukaszewski, Margolis, Marelich, Mearns, Mori, Morton, Navarick, Nguyen, Okado, Panza, Peissig, Preston, Roberts, Segal, Self, Stohs, Zettel-Watson (chair)  
Student Representative: Ruiz

Absent: Professors Scher, Sy, Trevitt

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Zettel-Watson, Chair.

## 1. Important Dates

Thursday	April 21	Awards Banquet, 6PM, Angelo & Vinci's in Fullerton
Friday	April 22	Final deadline to submit a withdrawal request with a "W"
Friday	April 29	Thesis Deadline for Submitting to Grad Studies
Friday	May 13	Last day of class instruction
Friday	May 13	Next Faculty Meeting
Thursday	May 26	Commencement, 9 AM, Intramural Field

## 2. Announcements

- The Awards Banquet will be Thursday, April 21 at Angelo & Vinci's in Fullerton. Tickets are still available to be purchased at the main office.
- Dr. Beals announced that the WoMen's Center will return but not in a shape they are happy with.
- Dr. Beals will also be participating in the search for a new police chief, if anyone wants to talk to her about that please reach out.
- Peer Mentors have been busy this semester helping students from lots of classes. They are also doing outreach this year specifically with a diversity/inclusion angle. They have visited several high schools and community colleges. They are also collaborating with the DIRC center and gave a presentation to students that utilize the Dream Center to bring attention to the department.

3. Minutes - M/S/P (Peissig, Self) to approve the Minutes of March 18, 2022, as distributed.

## 4. Committees

**MS Committee** – Thirteen people have accepted admission to the MS graduate program and three offers are outstanding still, so they are expecting 16 students for the Fall.

**MA Committee** – They are still waiting on a number so their list is a work in progress.

5. **Old Business**

**Commencement** – Currently 600 students have registered to be part of commencement. Dr. Ben Hagai showed what the walkthrough for students will look like. There are going to be tents set up and some departments will be holding receptions in the tents after the ceremony. It won't be feasible to supply refreshments to students and guests, so the department won't host anything formal, but the tent can be used as a meeting spot for faculty to take pictures with students.

**Committee Elections** – Dr. Zettel-Watson proposed that committee elections be moved to early in the Fall semester for positions that begin the following Fall semester. This will allow more time for transitions and training to occur. For advising it would be easier to have applications and allow the lead advisor and Chair to conduct the interviews if there are multiple applicants, and advisors would choose the lead advisor amongst themselves. M/S/P (Zettel-Watson/Peissig)

6. **New Business**

**Provost Thomas** – Provost Carolyn Thomas visited the meeting to get to know more about the department. Dr. Segal and Dr. Okado presented their current research to the Provost to demonstrate a sampling of the work the faculty are doing. Provost Thomas invited the faculty to ask questions and she shared her email, [ccthomas@fullerton.edu](mailto:ccthomas@fullerton.edu), for those that wanted to reach out directly. Provost Thomas talked about the role of advising and a recent study done examining advising on our campus, and one of their conclusions was that a campus the size of Fullerton with a large and complex student body needs professional academic advisors advising first and second year students, and this needs to be a mandatory practice, and she discussed the current plans and funding being worked on to make this a reality. A question was asked about where the Provost sees the mode of instruction moving to in the future. Currently the university is around 70% in-person and 30% online or hybrid, but she thinks these ratios need to be determined at the college level. The College of Business is currently running focus groups and surveys with students to get feedback on their preferences, but also determine where in the curriculum online courses should take place, and what concentrations they should be occurring in, and not being decided by faculty preference.

**Curriculum** – PSYC 473 has had quite low enrollment and has not been offered since 2019. Prospects for the course continuing are slim unless problems with the course are fixed. The class requires three prerequisites, PSYC 306, 331, and 341, making the class quite restrictive and consistent with the low enrollments. The committee is recommending that only one of the three prerequisites be required in hopes of increasing enrollment. M/S/P (Navarick/Gerkens)

Meeting adjourned.