

MINUTES

Psychology Department

Friday, August 26, 2022

1:00 pm, H-604

Present: Professors Ahmed, Beals, Ben Hagai, Blackman, Blandón-Gitlin, Espinoza, Garcia, Gerkens, Goetz, Harrison, Lukaszewski, Mearns, Morton, Navarick, Nguyen, Okado, Panza, Peissig (Chair), Preston, Roberts, Scher, Segal, Self, Sy, Than, Trevitt, Zettel-Watson

Absent: Professors Alcalá (sabbatical), Gerkens, Marelich, Mori

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

1. Important Dates

Sunday	August 28	Last day students will be enrolled from the waitlist
Monday	Aug. 29 – Sep. 6	Dept. issued permit required to add all classes
Sunday	September 4	Deadline to file online grad check application for Jan. '23 Bachelors
Monday	September 5	LABOR DAY – CAMPUS CLOSED
Tuesday	September 6	Last day to drop a class without a grade of “W”
Monday	September 12	Deadline to file online grad check application for Jan. '23 Master's
Friday	September 16	Beginning of the year party
Monday	September 19	UNIVERSITY CENSUS DATE
Friday	September 23	Next Faculty Meeting

2. Announcements

- Dr. Peissig welcomed everyone back to the first in-person meeting in over two years and her first as department chair. There are lots of new changes in the office, including the addition of Charlie Escobar, and Cynthia Landin in the new position of Administrative Support Coordinator for the graduate programs. She asked that everyone be patient while we adjust to the new positions.
- Dr. Peissig welcomed new Assistant Professor Dr. James Garcia to the department, as well as welcoming Dr. Asya Harrison to her first in-person meeting since joining the department.
- Dr. Peissig congratulated Dr. Ahmed, Dr. Ben Hagai, and Dr. Okado on their recent promotions to Associate Professors.
- Save the date, there will be a welcome back party on September 16th at Dr. Trevitt's house. There will be an email going out with more details.
- Dr. Beals announced that Peer Mentors will be coming into lower division classes to introduce themselves. An email will be going out to faculty to ask for permission to visit upper division classes. She asked that faculty share Peer Mentors information with their students. The website will be updated soon, and their new schedule and office hours will be updated by the third week of the semester.

- Dr. Self announced that an Executive Committee retreat will take place in late October. She encouraged more faculty to serve. The GE Committee needs to be changed again and it would be good to have a representative from Psychology on the committee to help serve the department's interests. Once the committee is complete, they will meet once a month from 2-4 PM.
- Dr. Espinoza announced that IRB is looking for an alternate member to replace Dr. Peissig's spot. Dr. Bandon-Gitlin volunteered to serve.
- Dr. Gerkens reminded everyone about SONA and encourages the faculty to offer extra credit for participation. If anyone would like their class added to the participation list email Dr. Gerkens.
- Dr. Gerkens announced that he will be sending out Thesis Assessment Forms to collect data for the MA program. Thesis chairs should ask their students that have completed their thesis to fill out the form, as well as their committee members.
- Dr. Gerkens also announced that Cynthia will start sending out thesis meeting announcements.
- Dr. Peissig let the faculty know that an AEM form will be coming from the Dean's office to explain what they will be doing for their 3-unit course release. Since the department is on a 3/3 schedule you will need to explain what you are doing for units 10-12. Everyone should indicate on the form that they will be using IRR (Instructional Related Research) and report what you will be working on by providing a couple of sentences about your research. At the end of the semester you will be asked to follow up and see if you accomplished what you said you would work on. Try to be vague and not specific on your descriptions. If you are doing something else besides research let Dr. Peissig know, we will need to account for what you are doing with your course release. There will be a template sent out to demonstrate what the Dean's office is looking for.
- Faculty were reminded to get their 494 and 499 forms in on time so that we don't have to do late adds. Check to make sure the permits have been added to your class and remind your students to turn in their forms. One recommendation is to not add your students to Canvas until the permit has been processed, with the exception being Open University students since those permits take a while to process.
- Dr. Beals announced that beginning September 8th the WoMen's Center will have a room available, a temporary space for students to go to. They are still fighting for a permanent space and to bring back the center. An email will be going out with more details.

3. **Minutes** - M/S/P (Sy, Self) to approve the Minutes of May 13, 2022, as distributed.

4. **Committees**

Committee Chair – Committees need to elect their Chairs. Email the results to Dr. Peissig and Phil as soon as you can.

Psi Chi – The department needs a new advisor for Psi Chi. Dr. Beals has been acting as advisor for many years but feels it is time to move on and she would like someone

new to take over. Dr. Beals indicated that it will be as much work as you want it to be, the students are very active in running things, and there are a lot of nice connections with WPA. Anyone interested in taking over should reach out to Dr. Peissig.

5. **Old Business**

6. **New Business**

Industrial/Organizational Psychology – Dr. Blackman would like to create two new 400-level I/O courses. Grad students have expressed interest in the subject but there are no classes offered that they are eligible to take. Dr. Blackman has reached out to other departments and there are no courses being offered by Management or HR disciplines that would conflict with the subject matter. Dr. Blackman would like to create a track for the subject, as well as an area of focus for MA students. Students have also expressed interest to advisors in wanting the option to take more I/O courses. Motion to move forward in the creation of the two new courses is approved.

Meeting adjourned.