

MINUTES

Psychology Department

Friday, December 11, 2020

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

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

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

1. Important Dates

Friday	December 11	Last day of instruction
Monday	January 4	Grades Due

2. Announcements

- Dr. Blackman mentioned that the faculty meeting would be recorded for easier Minutes reporting. They will be deleted after the Minutes have been reported.
- Dr. Blackman thanked the Search Committee for the amazing job they did on conducting the search.
- Dr. Blackman announced that she learned at the Chairs Meeting that HSS is conducting an open search in Native American Studies and Indigenous Studies. The candidate will have a home department (depending on their area). Faculty interested in serving on the Search Committee should contact Dean Fontaine.
- Dr. Blackman reminded faculty to submit their Zoom video of research interests and mentoring style for the MA and MS students to Linda by January 15th.
- Dr. Blackman announced that Summer '21 will most likely be virtual and all of the summer courses will be converted to online.
- Dr. Blackman mentioned that the Chancellor sent out an email indicating that Fall '21 will have in-person courses. Dr. Blackman will prioritize which classes would be face-to-face, giving highest priority to labs and research.
- Undergraduate student representative Hassan asked a question on the diversity requirement that was approved at the last faculty meeting; how the Aging class fulfills diversity. Dr. Zettel-Watson explained that Psychology of Aging is part of the diversity requirement because age is also a protected status.
- Dr. Stohs thanked the faculty that sponsored interns for summer, fall and this coming spring.
- Dr. Peissig announced that she will be sending out the Psyc 494 evaluation email and asked faculty that are supervising 494 students to fill it out and send it back to her. If faculty are unsure if they have a 494 student, they can email her and she will check.
- Dr. Trevitt reminded faculty that students have until today to designate CR/NC. If students choose this option, they cannot use the course toward the major or GE (different from spring '20).
- Student representative Ruiz announced to let faculty know that several grad students are having a hard time finding a mentor for Psyc 599 and Psyc 598 and

would like to know which faculty are taking on new students. Dr. Blackman asked faculty to email Linda Pabon if they are taking on new students and the students can check with Linda. Dr. Sy mentioned that in future semesters a Qualtrics survey can be sent out where faculty can quickly indicate if they are accepting new students so Linda can let the students know.

3. **Minutes**

The Minutes of November 20, 2020 were approved as distributed.

4. **Committees**

Honors & Awards – Dr. Preston reminded faculty that the applications for student travel awards and the Joanne Brannock scholarships are due on 12/15. Faculty can send an email to Dr. Preston indicating that their students are attending for the travel awards (in addition, students need to apply), but an actual formal letter of recommendation will be required for the Brannock scholarships. These are also due on 12/15. She asked faculty to encourage their students to apply.

Research – Dr. Gerkens reminded faculty that the research pool closes today and to finish and award credit ASAP.

Psychology Day – Dr. Ben Hagai reported that the committee is meeting almost every week and finalizing the panels. She indicated that one of the most exciting psychologists who is part of the psychology radical healing collective--the psychology of healing from racial and ethnic trauma, Nayeli Chavez will be one of the speakers. Information will be sent out when the panels have been finalized.

5. **Old Business**

Search- Dr. Trevitt thanked everyone who came to the talks. She indicated that all 3 were great candidates. One of the candidates, in addition to being an excellent candidate for the Black/African-American Psychology position, would be a great fit for the MS program as well. At the recommendation of Drs. Mearns and Ahmed (since we were planning to do a clinical search next fall), the committee would like to recommend 2 offers be made. The 2nd position/hire would bring diversity to the MS classes in addition to teaching an undergraduate community psychology class. M/S/P (Trevitt, Beals) to extend an offer to Dr. Alexandria Golden for the 2nd/MS position (*approved, 24 for and 1 abstention*). M/S/P (Trevitt, Beals) to extend an offer for the Black/African-American Psychology position to Dr. Aerielle Allen, and if she turns it down to offer it to Asya Harrison; A friendly amendment was made by Dr. Ahmed and accepted by Dr. Trevitt to include that if we don't get approval for the 2nd position to offer in the order: 1) Aerielle Allen; 2) Alexandria Golden and 3) Asya Harrison (*approved unanimously*).

Meeting adjourned.