

MINUTES

Psychology Department

Friday, February 25, 2022

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

Present: Professors Ahmed, Alcalá, Beals, Ben Hagai, Blackman, Espinoza, Gerkens, Goetz, Gower, Lukaszewski, Marelich, Mearns, Mori, Morton, Navarick, Nguyen, Okado, Panza, Peissig, Preston, Roberts, Scher, Segal, Self, Sy, Trevitt, Zettel-Watson (chair)
Student Representatives: Ruiz

Absent: Professors, Blandón-Gitlin, Harrison, Stohs

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

1. Important Dates

Tuesday	March 15	Psychology Day
Friday	March 18	Next Faculty Meeting
Thursday	April 21	Awards Banquet
Thursday	May 26	Commencement, 9AM, Intramural Field

2. Announcements

- Dr. Navarick announced that the Curriculum Committee has begun the annual course review. They are asking at least one faculty member who has taught the class recently to provide their views on the course, especially regarding the catalog description and the prerequisites. The courses that are being reviewed are PSYC 310, 312, 421, 456, 473, 474, and 475. If you wish to share your views, please email Dr. Navarick.
- Dr. Beals revealed that the Women's Center on campus has been closed. She has been in contact with the Vice President of Student Affairs, and she is working with the Women and Gender Studies program to discuss a reaction to the news since no one knew it was happening until it happened. If anyone has any thoughts or comments, please email Dr. Beals.
- Dr. Ben Hagai announced the schedule for Psych Day on March 15. Dr. Adams will begin the day at 7:30 with Data Blitz, giving students a chance to share their research, and all time slots are filled. Keynote speaker Jan-Willem van Prooijen will present at 11AM. That will be followed by a panel curated by Dr. Blandon-Gitlin on how to make money in psychology. Student representative Lizette Ruiz is curating a panel called "Understanding Your Options" discussing the differences in the various graduate programs and what they offer. The next panel will be about how to get into a PhD program, and then end with a panel on internships. A flyer for the event will be sent out, please share with your students and post on your Canvas pages.

- Most Psychology Awards nominations are due by March 1, the Loh Seng Tsai nominations are due March 15. Please get all applications and supporting material to Dr. Preston by the due date.
3. **Minutes** - M/S/P (Sy, Trevitt) to approve the Minutes of January 28, 2022, as distributed.
 4. **Committees**

DEI – Dr. Sy reminded everyone that when textbook orders go out there will be a Google Form to document the information, including textbook cost to the students. Please fill out the form when you receive it. Dr. Okado asked to include an option for a Zero Cost Course, so no optional materials are added by the bookstore. Dr. Zettel-Watson informed everyone that there is a financial incentive for the department to get our orders submitted on time, specifically cash that can be used towards student scholarships and awards.
 5. **Old Business**
 6. **New Business**

Chair Elections – Associate Dean Dr. Perez joined the meeting to discuss the election process for Department Chair. Dr. Trevitt volunteered to serve as Election Liaison. March 4 is the deadline to submit nominations, self-nominations are allowed. Dr. Perez will collect and circulate CVs and candidate statements, these are due by March 7. Election will open March 11 and close March 18; Dr. Perez will email eligible voters the link when it is live. The faculty agreed overwhelmingly to set a 3-year term for the Chair position.

Center for the Study of Human Nature – This will formerly recognize the Interdisciplinary Center that has been on campus for ten years. Dr. Lukaszewski and Dr. Goetz are co-sponsors of the center along with representatives from Anthropology and other campuses. They meet weekly with students and graduate students, bringing in guest speakers, and it provides a valuable interdisciplinary training environment for the students. They are asking for a collective formal endorsement from the Psychology Department in the form of a letter, this would help provide a mechanism to bring in funding. Dr. Zettel-Watson will write the letter on behalf of the department.

Meeting adjourned.