

# MINUTES

Psychology Department  
Friday, January 27, 2023  
1:00 pm, H-604

Present: Professors Ahmed, Alcalá, Beals, Ben Hagai, Blackman, Blandón-Gitlin, Espinoza, Garcia, Gerkens, Goetz, Harrison, Lukaszewski, Mearns, Nguyen, Okado, Panza, Roberts, Scher, Segal, Self, Sy, Trevitt, Zettel-Watson  
Student Reps: Ferbert, Fernandez, Pelayo-Cobian  
Absent: Professors Marelich, Mori, Peissig (Chair), Preston

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

## 1. Important Dates

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 29</b>	<b>Last Day Students Will Be Enrolled from Waitlist</b>
<b>Mon-Mon</b>	<b>Jan. 30 – Feb. 6</b>	<b>Permit required to add Classes</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 6</b>	<b>Las day to drop a class without a grade of “W”</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 20</b>	<b>PRESIDENT’S DAY – CAMPUS CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 21</b>	<b>Census Date</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 24</b>	<b>Next Faculty Meeting</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 14</b>	<b>Psychology Day - ONLINE</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 21</b>	<b>Psychology Graduation Awards Banquet 6PM</b>

## 2. Announcements

- Dr. Zettel-Watson shared that Dr. Peissig is out sick.
- Dr. Zettel-Watson congratulated Dr. Alcalá on receiving her NSF grant.
- A list of approved online classes was shared with the group. We are currently in a holding pattern for approving any new classes. If we wish to add a class online another will need to be removed. Dr. Zettel-Watson would like the department to start thinking about policies to determine which classes should be offered online and which should not.
- Assigned Time forms are being delivered via AEM, everyone needs to account for three units of assigned time. There have been warnings about being too vague on reported time, it was suggested not to quantify anything you won't be able to account for at the end of the semester, otherwise there is risk of losing the 3/3 schedule.
- Dr. Self announced for anyone that missed the email that President Virgee will be retiring in July. Dr. Self also shared information regarding enrollment. Currently all but six of the CSU campuses are below their enrollment expectations. Campuses not hitting their target enrollment numbers will lose money and it will be distributed to campuses that hit target.
- Faculty are not required to add beyond their enrollment cap, but consider adding from the waitlist, just can't exceed the classroom capacity and cannot go over 120 students.

- Dr. Garcia shared some links via email from an information meeting regarding ChatGPT. The department should consider a future brainstorm meeting on how to address this rising issue. Some faculty discussed their use of scratch off scantrons and their effectiveness.
- Dr. Mearns said that he is still hearing from students who have not heard about Dr. Navarick's passing. Dr. Beals said that the Peer Mentors are writing a memorial that will be published in their next news letter. It was suggested that we should give the Titan Newsletter an article to post. Dr. Blandón-Gitlin and Dr. Blackman agreed to write something and organize a memorial for Dr. Navarick.
- Commencement will take place Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5PM at the intramural field.

3. **Minutes** - M/S/P (Trevitt, Self) to approve the Minutes of December 9, 2022, as distributed.

4. **Committees**

**Research** – Dr. Gerken will be uploading PSYC 101 rosters for the research pool. If anyone wants their class to participate email Dr. Gerken.

**MA Committee** – The MA program received 74 complete applications that are currently under review. Dr. Beals asked to reconsider the application deadline, the current deadline is an equity issue and creates a burden on faculty that need to write letters on time. Dr. Gerken said the committee will explore this idea.

5. **Old Business**

6. **New Business**

**Online classes** – Dr. Roberts shared feedback he has gathered from his students with concern for the rigor of online classes. Students have expressed how easy the classes are, and Dr. Roberts expressed concern over rising GPA's and how easy it has become for students to cheat and find ways to easily pass their online courses. Dr. Roberts would like to propose that online classes offer in-person exams to combat the cheating, starting with the experimental courses 302-306. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding many areas related to this topic. Some issues discussed included the effects of Covid on the students, not only mentally and emotionally, but how it has changed the way they study and learn. Students need to be taught new study skills, but they also need to be taught how to uphold a high standard of academic integrity, have honest conversations with them to reset the norm. Issues with grading policies and emphasis on GPA was also discussed, there is pressure on students to pursue the grade instead of integrity. There are many variables in determining GPA that were not being considered. Different courses force different exams that change the data, but for now only focusing on the experimental courses to gather data. Some issues with forcing in-person exams are availability of space, and not all adjuncts that teach these courses are available to teach

in person. No vote was taken, but faculty were asked to reconsider the department's online philosophy, who should be allowed to teach online, as well as which classes belong online. It was suggested that the Curriculum Committee should get involved to determine any changes, and any results should be determined scientifically.

Meeting adjourned.