

MINUTES

Psychology Department

Friday, January 29, 2021

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

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

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

1. Important Dates

Friday	February 19	Next Faculty Meeting
Friday	March 19	Psychology Day

2. Announcements

- Dr. Blackman welcomed everyone back to the spring semester.
- Dr. Blackman thanked the Search Committee for doing an amazing job on the search. Asya Harrison will start in the fall. Alexandra Golden declined the offer and since there were not any qualified clinical applicants in the pool, there will be a search next fall for a clinical faculty member. Dr. Blackman encouraged faculty to reach out to Asya and welcome her to the Department.
- Dr. Blackman announced that the CSUF Irvine Campus has been sold and is in escrow. This spring is the last semester that classes will be offered at the Irvine Campus.
- Dr. Blackman announced that our new ASAll will join the Department on 2/22 and will be taking over Phil's position. The new person will be coming from another department that was laid off due to a lack of work.
- Dr. Blackman announced that Dean Fontaine is on the Strategic Enrollment Management Committee and will hopefully have some pull on how many transfer and new students are admitted into our Department. This should keep the number of majors under control.
- Dr. Blackman indicated that she attended the online faculty forum with Provost Thomas about what is happening with fall enrollment. The Provost is optimistic that we will be back on campus in the fall with plans to pivot fully or partially online if needed in July. If faculty have medical concerns that prevent them from returning face-to-face, they will be accommodated. Safety of the faculty and staff is of the utmost importance. Dr. Blackman recently ranked independent study and lab classes as first priority to return to campus. It was mentioned at the forum that the University cannot force employees to have the vaccination.
- Dr. Blackman shared that faculty may be able to return to their offices sometime this semester to work in their offices and she will let them know when she learns more.
- Dr. Blackman announced that if faculty are interested in the vaccination, they can go to the Othena app and enter their information and they will receive an alert when the vaccine is available for their tier. Faculty and staff are in Tier 1B.

- Dr. Blackman indicated that she has a feeling that the majority of classes will be virtual in fall '21. The Provost's forum was videotaped and is available to faculty who missed it and want to view it.
- Dr. Blackman announced that Dr. Ahmed is out on leave (medical emergency in the family) until April and may not be checking email (if faculty are trying to reach her).
- Dr. Stohs thanked the faculty for taking on interns for research and class assistants and highlighted the work of Dr. Peissig, she has been a great help for those students opting to take a 400-level course instead; she has been amazing! All regular sections and SWS sections of PSYC 495 are full and those that could not get in will hopefully take it in the summer. Dr. Blackman thanked Drs. Stohs and Peissig for all their work with internship.
- Dr. Peissig asked faculty to please respond to their students; when students do not get a response, they are contacting her. The students need reassurance that you are working on it.
- Dr. Blackman reminded faculty that the HSS Student Success Center is a good resource available to help students (Connie Moreno Yamashiro, Brittney Swanson and Mai Warren).
- Dr. Mearns brought up the issue of students being charged for Titan Direct Book Access if they do not opt out (would be better if they could opt in rather than having to opt out). Dr. Zettel-Watson indicated that students will be reimbursed if they do not use the book,
- Dr. Beals announced that faculty will be receiving an email from Peer Mentors in the next 2 weeks about posting information to their classes. They are advertising their services and office hours early this semester and hope students will take advantage.
- Dr. Beals thanked the faculty that donated to the ham drive; she collected \$800 from the faculty and was able to deliver hams (and turkeys) to families throughout Orange County.
- Dr. Blackman welcomed two new part-time lecturers to the Department, Tim Morton and Trevor Basil. Both are MA alums and are teaching PSYC 300.

3. Minutes

M/S/P (Trevitt, Zettel-Watson) to approve the Minutes of December 11, 2020 as distributed.

4. Committees

MSGS – Dr. Mearns reported that the committee decided to drop the Psyc Subject GRE as a requirement starting with the next round of applicants.

Psychology Day – Dr. Ben Hagai mentioned that the tentative Psych Day program was emailed out to faculty, and the committee is asking faculty to submit thoughts (or if they noticed any mistakes) to let them know before the poster goes out in the next weeks. She also thanked Dr. Stohs for putting together an amazing panel for the internship panel.

DPC – Dr. Zettel-Watson reminded faculty to complete their class visits if they have not done so already and to give a copy to the faculty member and Sue Maddox.

Search – Dr. Trevitt reported that Asya Harrison will be joining us in the fall and encouraged faculty to send her a welcome email. Asya is very excited to join us. In addition, she mentioned that Alexandra Golden declined our offer.

D&I – Dr. Sy reported that the best way to make resources available to faculty is in a centralized location (shared Google Drive) and faculty can bookmark the page. If faculty have something to contribute, they can send it to Drs. Beals, Sy or Peissig and they will add it to the Google Drive.

5. **New Business**

Dr. Blackman indicated that she has tasked the G&D committee with looking into adding concentrations to both the undergraduate and graduate programs.

Meeting adjourned.