

MINUTES

Psychology Department

Friday, March 12, 2021

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

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

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

1. Important Dates

Friday	March 12	Next Faculty Meeting
Friday	March 19	Psychology Day

2. Announcements

- Dr. Blackman welcomed everyone to the meeting and indicated that we are at the end of week 7, so almost half way through the semester.
- Dr. Blackman announced that the Dean shared that we should know by the end of May (not July) if we will be converting classes to virtual. Cal Poly Pomona has already announced that they will be virtual in the Fall and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo has announced that they will be face-to-face in the fall. The state, County of Orange and CDC are providing guidelines that will determine this.
- Dr. Blackman mentioned that HRDI sent an email out with the vaccine letter of eligibility for those who choose to get the vaccine. Those working on campus (now or in the fall) are able to receive COVID testing on campus.
- Dr. Blackman announced that CSUF has hired a consulting firm to look at classroom space to model what a 50-person classroom will look like with social distancing, and making guidelines. The Provost said the administration is modeling a 50/50 model for fall (50% classes in person and 50% classes virtual). We should know more by the end of May. The University has installed all new air filters (hospital quality) and pipes have been replaced to make sure the air quality is top notch. There will be wipes in each classroom so students can wipe down desk surfaces in between classes, and it has been indicated that custodial services will be cleaning between each class; and hand sanitizers will be available in the hallway that are foot activated. Faculty that have health concerns should let Dr. Blackman know so accommodations can be made.
- Dr. Blackman announced that Commencement will be virtual again this year. There will be a stage on campus where groups of 75 students can come to campus in their regalia and be videotaped walking across the stage getting their diploma. These videos will be inserted during the virtual ceremony. For those who do not choose to come to campus to videotape, it will just be a picture of them. The Department can do their own virtual ceremony if they choose and there are funds available for this. It was mentioned that the Commencement Committee can work on this. Dr. Mearns volunteered to put together a Zoom type Department

ceremony for MS and MA students where the names, thesis title and the thesis chair can say something briefly.

- Dr. Blackman mentioned that there have been more cases of academic dishonesty, particularly occurring in the chats. If faculty discover this is happening in their classes, they should let Dr. Blackman know and she will work with them and with the Dean of Student Conduct office. Some faculty are using their UCA's to look for academic dishonesty in the chats as well. If faculty are encountering this, they are not alone and Dr. Blackman is happy to support them.
- Dr. Blandon-Gitlin reminded faculty that Psychology Day is next week and asked faculty to encourage their students to participate and if you can offer extra credit, please do so. Extra credit attendee information will be provided to faculty (students will fill out a survey afterwards) and the event will be recorded. Students are encouraged to attend the live event, but faculty may want to award extra credit to students that watch the recording by having them write up a paper. Dr. Blackman thanked the Psychology Day Committee for all their hard work.

3. **Minutes**

M/S/P (Segal, Trevitt) to approve the Minutes of February 19, 2021 as distributed.

4. **Committees**

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Dr. Peissig presented information about helping students with the hidden curriculum (unwritten, unofficial, unintended lessons, values and perspectives that students learn); she touched on topics of office hours, research, letters of recommendation and how to address professors. She asked faculty to keep in mind the hidden curriculum that is second nature to faculty but that students may not know.

Dr. Sy reported that the FDC is currently running an FLC (Faculty Learning Community) and the goal is to develop a rubric that could be used by Departments for classroom visitations/observations. She mentioned that she wanted to give credit where credit was due and that this came out of the discussions that D&I had with PAGSOCA (student group) that had asked how faculty were being evaluated and if it was a fair process. Dr. Ben Hagai is participating in this community and folks from all across campus. They may go through another round of FLC in the fall, and later there can be a conversation in the Department to integrate this into the current classroom visitation report form (to reduce bias).

5. **New Business**

Curriculum – Dr. Navarick indicated that Dr. Ben Hagai is proposing a new course, PSYC 318 Political Psychology. The syllabus was distributed to faculty a few days ago. The course is currently being offered as a special and is in the 4th offering. It is a popular course that is cross listed with POSC. The committee unanimously recommends the course for approval and hopes to get it approved in time for Spring '22. M/S/P (Navarick, Beals) to approve the new regular course proposal for PSYC 318 Political Psychology (*approved unanimously*). Dr. Blackman stated that the special course was developed and taught by Dr. Joseph Wagoner and wanted to give credit to him for that.

Meeting adjourned.