

## MINUTES

Psychology Department

Friday, November 12, 2021

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

Present: Professors Ahmed, Beals, Ben Hagai, Blandón-Gitlin, Causey, Espinoza, Gerken, Goetz, Harrison, Lukaszewski, Marelich, Mearns, Mori, Morton, Navarick, Nguyen, Okado, Pattison, Peissig, Preston, Roberts, Scher, Segal, Self, Shimazu, Sy, Trevitt, Zettel-Watson (vice-chair)  
Student Representatives: Nguyen, Chang

On Leave: Professors Blackman, Panza, Stohs

Absent: Professor Alcalá

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

### 1. Important Dates

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| <b>Mon-Sun</b>   | <b>November 22-28</b> | <b>Fall Recess, no classes</b>            |
| <b>Thurs-Fri</b> | <b>November 25-26</b> | <b>Thanksgiving Recess, campus closed</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>December 10</b>    | <b>Next Faculty Meeting</b>               |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>December 10</b>    | <b>Last day of instruction</b>            |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>January 3</b>      | <b>Grades Due</b>                         |

### 2. Announcements

- Dr. Blandón-Gitlin is organizing a gift for Dr. Blackman and shared her Venmo information for those that would like to contribute.
- Dr. Zettel-Watson announced that Sue Maddox will be retiring at the end of December.
- Clarifying University policy, part-time faculty are not allowed to serve on thesis committees since they are not allowed to do work they are not paid for. It might be possible to find a way to compensate a part-time faculty member who is doing research and working with a particular student that meets the terms of their contract, but we don't have it in the budget to allow them to serve on a committee. Please remember this policy when your students are selecting their committee members.
- Regarding a question about travel policy, Dr. Zettel-Watson stated that requirement for essential travel no longer needs to be approved by the Chair or Dean, instead it is back to the old policy of requesting to use funds. There is still the restriction with state funds that if there is a virtual option you cannot attend in person. You can still use funds from other accounts, but state funds cannot be used if there is a virtual option. Any travel with a virtual option will not be approved.

3. **Minutes** - Amend to fix a spelling error (tract to track) M/S/P (Trevitt/Sy) to approve the Minutes of October 15, 2021 with amendment.

4. **Committees**

**Honors & Awards** – Reminder that the Student Travel Awards applications are due December 3, and we received funding for three JoAnn Brannock Travel Awards, and the deadline for applications is December 15. Please encourage your students to apply. It was clarified that for the JoAnn Brannock award the student must be the first author and submit a 500-word synopsis of their research.

**Concentrations/Tracks** – Dr. Roberts provided an update on concentrations. Other programs that offer concentrations were looked at and no consistency was found in how they are executed. The common trend amongst departments is that they are giving options to their students. The current plan is to create subcommittees in the spring time to collect input and create as many different tracks as are deemed necessary.

**Psi Chi** – Dr. Beals invited all faculty to attend the Psi Chi Fall Induction Ceremony which will take place Thursday, December 9 at 6:30pm in TSU Pavillion B.

**Search** – Dr. Nguyen announced that the faculty search received 49 applications, it was then narrowed down to 23, all of whom studied health psychology from a health disparities perspective, and finally seven that they are planning to do Zoom/Phone interviews with.

5. **Old Business**

6. **New Business**

**DEI** – DEI has been working on issues related to equity and inclusivity for students with respect to affordability of textbooks, making sure students have access to resources for their classes. PSYC 300 students were surveyed and revealed on average they spend \$262 on books per semester, and they would also consider not buying a textbook if the price reached \$100 and above. DEI wanted to encourage faculty to thoughtfully select their material with this information in mind. A form is being created for faculty to input their textbook information and state what the price of it is and what the source is, and if the price is over \$120 then to provide a reason as well as alternative, more affordable options. The university is moving in this direction, towards low cost/no cost textbooks. Form should be ready by Fall 2022. There was a discussion about how other faculty members share affordable options with their students

such as making the text optional, using older editions, students sharing the text, and making copies available to borrow from the library.

**Faculty Meetings** – Dean Fontaine will be at the next faculty meeting to discuss what happens next for the Chair situation. M/S/P (Sy, Peissig) to keep the faculty meetings virtual for the Spring semester (approved, one abstention).

**Sue Maddox Retirement Party** – Dr. Blandón-Gitlin will be contacting everyone regarding Sue's party.

Meeting adjourned.