

## MINUTES

Psychology Department

Friday, October 16, 2020

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

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

Excused: Professor Alcalá

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

### 1. Important Dates

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 11</b>	<b>Veterans Day, Campus closed</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 13</b>	<b>Final deadline to withdraw from courses</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 20</b>	<b>Next Faculty Meeting</b>
<b>Mon-Sun</b>	<b>November 23-29</b>	<b>Fall Recess, no classes</b>
<b>Thurs-Fri</b>	<b>November 26-27</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Recess, campus closed</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 11</b>	<b>Last day of instruction</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 4</b>	<b>Grades Due</b>

### 2. Announcements

- Dr. Blackman congratulated Sue Maddox for 40 years of service at CSUF and thanked her for all her hard work.
- Dr. Blackman mentioned that the University's 3-unit GE course requirement in Ethnic Studies will replace a course in the GE requirements. The aspects are still up in the air.
- Dr. Blackman reported that Dr. Sy had a wonderful idea of posting a listing of certificates that faculty have achieved through FDC (IMPACT, INCLUSIVE, MINDFUL) on the Department website. When we return to campus, the list will also be on display in the display case.
- Dr. Blackman announced that the job search is going forward with an application deadline of November 6<sup>th</sup>. More information to come in the next month or so. Dr. Trevitt will send the advertisement out to faculty so they can distribute it to anyone interested.
- Dr. Blackman indicated that summer session will most likely be online (not official yet).
- Dr. Blackman welcomed the new undergraduate student representative to faculty meetings, Samrana Hassan.
- Dr. Stohs announced that internship students would love to work with faculty again in the spring as a research assistant, course assistant or other activity. Students are doing a great job; more information to come by the end of the month.
- Dr. Scher mentioned that students should be encouraged to take the process seriously and proofread what they are submitting to faculty they are interested in working with before they send it. Dr. Trevitt indicated that the advisors can emphasize this to the students they see during advisement appointments.

- Dr. Beals asked faculty to promote the Peer Mentors office hours schedule and flyer that were emailed out earlier with their students; Peer Mentors are ready and waiting to help students.

### 3. **Minutes**

M/S/P (Trevitt, Sy) to approve the Minutes of September 18, 2020 as distributed.

### 4. **Committees**

**Diversity & Inclusion** – Dr. Sy reported that the committee will get back to the teaching tips segment at the end of the meeting and will discuss care service resources on campus. To be respectful of time, discussions can be continued during the “continuing the conversation” segments. Future teaching tips will not be limited to the D&I committee, but will include other faculty sharing what they do. Then faculty can follow up with the faculty member sharing, to be respectful of time. The committee is looking for input from faculty on ways to better support graduate students with getting their thesis done in a timely manner. They would like to collect these resources from faculty (formal structure you provide to your mentees) and share with the faculty.

**Honors & Awards** – Dr. Preston reported that the committee intends to send out the call for student travel awards soon, they are just waiting on funding information for the Joann Brannock award. The application deadline is tentatively set for 12/1. If students applied for WPA funding last year and plan to attend, they will receive funding. If they did not apply, they will not receive funds and are encouraged to apply for the upcoming awards in spring. Eligible students from last year should contact Phil if they have not received their funds.

### 5. **New Business**

**Yuko Okado: Research on COVID and online teaching practices-** Dr. Okado presented results from her research on COVID and tips for online teaching practices. She mentioned that building an online course takes years. She reminded faculty to be compassionate towards themselves and students. Some of the recommendations based on challenges reported by students: show up and be there for them; predictable structure; practice compassion; frequent opportunities for active learning with feedback; growth mindset; flexibility. Dr. Okado is available for questions and consultation. Dr. Trevitt mentioned that Dr. Okado was a tremendous help to her with converting her courses to online.

**Diversity & Inclusion** – Dr. Sy discussed Care Services on campus, an office within the Dean of Students. They connect students with resources (CAPS, Basic Needs, Financial Aid, and Student Success Team). If a student appears to be struggling, faculty (or fellow students) can give their name to Care Services and they will reach out to the student. She provided the link: <http://www.fullerton.edu/deanofstudents/care/>. Hopefully someone from Care Services will give a presentation at a future faculty meeting.

Dr. Blackman announced that the next faculty meeting will be on 11/20 and we will hear from the Search Committee. She thanked Drs. Okado and Sy for their presentations.

Meeting adjourned.