

MINUTES

Psychology Department
Friday, October 21, 2022
1:00 pm, H-604

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

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

1. Important Dates

Thursday	November 10	Final deadline to withdraw from classes
Friday	November 11	VETERAN'S DAY – CAMPUS CLOSED
Friday	November 18	Next Faculty Meeting
Mon-Sun	November 21-27	FALL RECESS – No Classes
Thur-Friday	November 24-25	CAMPUS CLOSED
Friday	December 9	Last day of instruction
Sat-Fri	December 10-16	Semester examinations
Tuesday	January 3	Grades Due

2. Announcements

- Dr. Lukaszewski announced that the Center for the Study of Human Nature is officially open. There are plans for a visiting scholar to come and there are speakers scheduled to present along with an early reception. More information is coming.
- Dr. Ben Hagai informed everyone that a donation site is live to collect funds for student travel. They are close to their goal, and all funds will be given to the awards committee to distribute to students traveling to WPA in Riverside. Please give if you can.

3. Minutes - M/S/P (Sy, Trevitt) to approve the Minutes of September 23, 2022, as distributed.

4. Committees

Awards Committee – December 2nd is the deadline for Student Travel Award applications. There won't be a Joanne Brannock Award this year. Friday, April 21, will be the Graduation Awards Reception. The department is cosponsoring the event with

the PDSA, who have reserved the space for the event in the TSU. The event will take place in Pavilion A and be catered by Monkey Business.

Graduate Programs – Dr. Gerkens thanked everyone that submitted a Retroactive Thesis Assessment form and asked for those on Thesis Committees to make a habit of submitting the form. He will be sharing a copy of the form so everyone has it on file. Thesis announcements should be happening now. Committees should notify Noel and Cynthia the thesis title, abstract, committee members, the place and time so they can share the details and reserve the rooms.

5. **Old Business**

6. **New Business**

Alumni Engagement – Justin Gerboc from the Department of Alumni Engagement presented to the faculty the services his department can offer. They work to connect 320,000 alumni to current students. Justin provided a toolkit that outlined a variety of services they can provide. They can assist with department communication with alumni by sending newsletters, share milestones and featured articles. They can reach out to career specific alumni speakers, but data is limited. They can provide incentives for events like stickers and other alumni items. Feel free to contact Justin for any alumni related needs.

Online Teaching – Dr. Peissig is not asking for a motion today, but instead asked for a discussion to determine a department policy for online classes and how to decide which classes can be taught online. Currently the department offers a 70/30 split of in-person versus online classes. There are more requests from students and faculty to offer online classes. Classroom space is an issue. Dr. Roberts provided feedback from his students who have told him that there is a problem with online rigor and many of the students feel the classes are not adequate. No real training is being offered to new lecturers on how to teach online. A discussion about training and certification possibilities occurred. The subject of online cheating was discussed and how that issue factors into scheduling more online classes. Currently not enough classrooms available for online classes that want to offer in-person exams. Revising DPC standards and evaluating procedures was discussed, most documents don't take modality into consideration. The idea of offering fewer classes online was suggested, but some students will lose access if there are fewer online classes. DPRC was asked to be honest and rigorous in their reviews of online courses and their materials to better evaluate who should be teaching online. The Goals and Directions Committee will discuss the issue further and develop some more ideas for addressing online modality options.

Search – Currently there is no plan to hire a new tenure track professor. However, Dr. Peissig would like to start the conversation now so if the department is allowed to hire a new professor, we will have the job description ready to post. Email your thoughts and suggestions to Dr. Peissig on what specific area you would like to hire and back it up with reasons why. Once the department decides we can write the job posting and have it ready to share when the Dean's office gives the go-ahead to start a search.

Meeting adjourned.