

FCAS CC Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2015

GHH Room 300, 2-3:30PM

**Present:** Erin Tooley, Adria Updike, Lauren Rossi, Renee Soto, Kate Mele, June Speakman

Visitors: Frank DiCataldo (to discuss MA Psychology petition) and Judith Platania (to discuss BA and MA Psychology petitions)

I. **Committee Business**

Minutes of October 14, 2015

Motion to Approve: AU, JS 6-0-0

II. **Psychology, BA**

New Course: PSYCH 311 Psychology of the Family 3/22/2015

10/14/15 meeting committee requested changes to course description and justification.

Changes were made by petitioner. Petition will be moved to Senate CC.

**Second Readings**

New Course: PSYCH 446 Seminar in Psychology 3/22/2015

- Dr. Platania noted that the course would remain listed as a ‘seminar’ and would include 16-18 students which may require opening additional sections.
- Cross listing box has been unchecked and Psych 371 has been removed from requisites.
- Petition will be sent back to check that the course will be offered in all sessions, currently only summer and winter offering checked.
- Motion to approve with minor changes, KM, ET 6-0-0

Major Program Change: PSYCH B.A. in Psychology, BA 3/22/2015

- Petition will be sent back to remove “courses in red” under developmental section and “new title” under clinical psychology section from catalog copy.
- Motion to approve with minor edits, JS, LR 6-0-0
- Committee members brought up a question regarding the department sign off sheets. There were blanks (neither approve, decline, or abstain) for faculty on the undergraduate BA program sign off sheet. It was unclear if all faculty had seen the new program, in particular whether those affected faculty members were on sabbatical or if they were not included / aware of these changes. In regard to petitions moving through the curricular process, Dr. Rossi stated that as long as a quorum was present, the petition may proceed. Committee members stated that the dean should make note of absent votes on department sign-off sheets/ minutes and follow-up with these ‘blank votes’ if necessary.

### First Readings:

#### III. Psychology, MA

Dr. DiCataldo attended the Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide context for the new program and answer any preliminary questions the committee members may have.

Petitioner explained the following:

- The purpose of the program change is to expand the program from its current 45 credit format to a program that includes 3 tracks: Two 60 credit tracks to fulfill licensure requirements for graduates and one 45 credit track that would prepare students for a PhD program. This change will involve adding additional practicum experiences and courses.
- Committee members inquired how the courses will be staffed. Dr. DiCataldo described the original business plan which included a new faculty line, a clinical practicum coordinator, a graduate coordinator, and additional financial resources for the coordinator positions and student assistantships. However, the faculty line was removed by the dean and replaced with “additional resources.”
- Committee notes that this brings up concerns about staffing courses (undergraduate and graduate). This is particularly important as Dr. DiCataldo explained that administration would like the program to increase its number of accepted students. This may require additional sections of certain courses. This would further remove faculty and resources from the undergraduate programs.
- The committee discussed its role in determining the adequacy of resources in implementing new programs. Dr. Platania indicated that the data shows that new faculty are needed in order to staff both the graduate and undergraduate programs. The committee agrees that resources do not seem to be adequate to appropriately staff this program. Likely the resources (faculty) would be taken away from the undergraduate students and the undergraduate program, which was of concern to the committee members.
- A question was raised about the 4+1 program. Dr DiCataldo explained those students in the 4+1 program would have to complete the 45-credit track and would not be eligible for the proposed 60-credit tracks.
- The catalog copy and the Curricunet program need to be reviewed to make sure they match as some differences were noted. Dr DiCataldo indicated he would make the changes with Dr. Platania’s help.
- The committee is not ready to make a motion on this program.

Motion to adjourn 3:30 pm, ET, AU