

**Florida A&M University
Department of Psychology**

Faculty Meeting
February 13, 2008

MINUTES

Present: Huberta Jackson-Lowman, Jackie Collins Robinson, Gwendolyn Singleton, Jermaine Robertson, DeAnna Burney, Kobi Kambon, Amber Golden

Absent: Raeford Brown, Yvonne Bell, Seward Hamilton, Oladipo Aroyewun, John Chambers (excused)

Meeting called to order at 1:35.

Minutes from January 9, 2008 were reviewed and approved.

Chair's Report:

Presented by Dr. Huberta Jackson-Lowman

Psychology office support - Dr. Jackson-Lowman declined the offer to have a previous secretary return because of the need for certain specific skills for the position.

Election of chairpersons – Location and procedures have not been communicated yet; submit nominations to the Dean's office.

Common prerequisite project – Dr. Pitter is working on moving all areas/departments into compliance. Undergraduate committee should review and make recommendations. Should advise students of changes, i.e., if students have not take met math requirements they should be advised to take STA 2023.

Does this handbook refer to graduate programs? (Collins Robinson) Jackson-Lowman will verify.

Dr. Jackson-Lowman also discussed – FAMU budget issues, bookstore orders, and the United Way campaign (refer to written Chair Report).

Undergraduate Committee Report

Presented by Dr. Amber Golden

Data from Intro to Psychology classes – response rate is low, post-assessment results do not look good, passing rate is about 12%; need to be evaluated further.

Committee has begun working on prerequisites based on Dr. Pitter's recommendations. Recommendations are in place, committee will evaluate compared to existing curriculum. Plan to be complete before change of major fair. Comments/feedback from faculty will be solicited.

Date for major meeting has not been established yet.

Community Psychology Committee Report

Presented by Dr. Jermaine Robertson

Non-Thesis track – no change in curriculum, Thesis Prep course will replace thesis credit, 40 hours for both, committee considering requiring longer internship, students will complete a literature review instead of thesis, students already complete literature review in General Seminar (& methods in Research Methods).

Returning students must register; committee will establish guidelines for those who will be grandfathered in.

Need to address Thesis credits on transcript (Kambon)

Faculty approval obtained for Non-Thesis track for Community Psychology

Marriage and Family Therapy component of Community Psychology program - Robertson is scheduled to attend a conference to assist in the development of Marriage and Family Therapy at HBCUs. There is no minimum requirements for faculty; just requires offering the required courses.

School Psychology Committee Report

Presented by Dr. DeAnna Burney

NASP – program is eligible for NASP approval; students will need to complete PRAXIS II examination any time before graduation to meet requirements; no additional courses will be needed.

Burney requests that the faculty does not place stringent admission guidelines nor limit the offering of financial assistance to students considering NASP statement at training standards (refer to handout). Students should not be admitted as special status admission because of undergraduate major.

Dr. Collins Robinson completed an admissions statement based on the NASP statement (refer to handout) to be attached to admission routing form.

Dr. Kambon recommends a written articulation of the department's admissions policies, e.g. cannot transfer from another program, must be formally admitted, etc.

Need to formalize NASP and NCATE professional standard alignment (Jackson-Lowman)

30-40 Ed.S have been awarded since program approval

FAMU Constitution Update

Presented by Dr. Gwendolyn Singleton

Submit recommendations for revisions to be presented to the Faculty Senate from the department.

Recommendations:

The language for FTE needs to be more responsive to the level of instruction

There is a need for clarity relative to policies addressing funds from grants and who receives the funds (departments are being left out)

Monitor policy approval and status

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Gwendolyn Singleton