

Minutes from Faculty Senate Meeting September 1, 2011

Department of Psychology, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York

Park 280 3:30 PM

Present: Michael Bozarth, Julie Bowker, Craig Colder, Derek Daniels, Micheal Dent, Shira Gabriel, Jan Hastrup, Larry Hawk, Mark Kristal, Gail Mauner, Eddie Mercado, Sandra Murray, Lora Park, Peter Pfordresher, Michael Poulin, Wendy Quinton, Jen Read, Jim Sawusch, Mark Seery, Ericka Simms, Len Simms, David Smith, Steve Tiffany, Christa Greenberg, Neda Burtman, Nancy Barletta

Apologies: Paul Luce (Sabbatical) Jamie Ostrov, John Roberts

Absent: Joel Raynor

1. Welcomed new staff member, Wendy Zitzka, to the Department. Wendy's responsibilities will include processing travel reimbursements.
2. Congratulated Lora Park and Derek Daniels for promotion to Associate Professor. Congratulated Craig Colder for promotion to Full Professor.
3. Recognized Rice Award winners: Chrystal Vergara (John Roberts - advisor) and Matt Wisniewski (Eddie Mercado - advisor)
Recognized Feldman–Cohen Award Winner: Mykel Robble
4. Announcements:
 - Update on Senior Faculty Search: Steve Tiffany is in active negotiations with the candidate.
 - Reminder that time frame for Drop/Add is September 3rd for dropping and September 6th to add
 - Travel Money: an email was sent to faculty regarding the travel information for the year; if travel occurs during the summer months, all attempts will be made to cover the costs.
 - Issues for Policy and Planning Committee: Steve Tiffany will be referring a few issues to this committee for their consideration.
 - Behavioral Neuroscience Search: It is possible that interviews will take place in late November/December.
 - **Department Appointments for 2011/2012:**

Area Heads

Behavioral Neuroscience Mark Kristal

Clinical Len Simms

Cognitive Peter Pfordresher

Social/Personality Sandra Murray

Associate Chair Sandra Murray

**Director of Graduate Studies
and Graduate Admissions** Craig Colder

Director of Undergraduate Studies Jim Sawusch

- Chairs Retreat: This year's session focused on developing departmental assessments and fund raising.
- 5. Discussion of Comprehensive Program Review: The format for this review will be the same as the previous review conducted in 2005. As part of this process, we will need to select 3 external reviewers. Given the chair transition in the Department, we will request that the review be delayed until the spring semester. Prior to the site visit, copies of the previous report will be distributed to the faculty.
- 6. Update on Accelerated Masters Program: Craig Colder reported that we have 13 students in the program. Ericka Simms and Wendy Quinton have made major contributions to the new program and were thanked for their efforts by the faculty.
- 7. Faculty were reminded that syllabi are required for PSY 600, 699, 700, and 799. Christa Greenberg suggested that a syllabus template be developed for these courses using the undergraduate research courses as a model.
- 8. Steve Tiffany asked that faculty route all of their grant application (pre-proposal) work through Neda Burtman-Wetmore.
- 9. The situation regarding discretionary raises was discussed briefly. There will be approximately 1% of salary for the discretionary pool. This pool of money first has to cover promotional raises.
- 10. Elections to Departmental Committees

Policy and Planning

Moving off (09-11): Gail Mauner, Peter Pfordresher, Len Simms

Continuing (10-12): Derek Daniels, Shira Gabriel, Larry Hawk

Elected (11-13): Gail Mauner, Peter Pfordresher, Jen Read

Personnel (four Full and two Associate Professors)

Moving off (09-11):

Full Sandra Murray, Steve Tiffany

Associate Read

Continuing (10-12):

Full Mark Kristal, David Smith

Associate	Shira Gabriel
Elected (11-13):	
Full	Craig Colder, Jim Sawusch
Associate	Larry Hawk

Ballots were due to Nancy Barletta by 5 PM on September 2. Results will be announced by Steve Tiffany to faculty via email and posted on the Department's website.

Undergrad Studies

Jim Sawusch, Director of Undergraduate Studies and Chair
Christa Greenberg, Coordinator Undergraduate Studies
Sandra Murray (10-12)
Jan Hastrup (10-12)
Peter Pfordresher (12-14)

Grievance Committee

Derek Daniels (11-12)
Lora Park (11-12)
Michael Poulin (11-12)

Graduate Admissions

These committee members will be forwarded to the faculty by Craig Colder.

Research Participant Group Committee

Shira Gabriel, Chair (11-12)
Sandra Murray (11-12)
Mark Seery (11-12)

Awards Committee

Eduardo Mercado (10-12)
Peter Pfordresher (10-12)
Sandra Murray (11-13)
Micheal Dent (11-13)

MA Accelerated Program Admissions Committee

Craig Colder
Wendy Quinton
Ericka Simms

All appointments and elections to committees will be submitted and updated on the department website.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Barletta