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MINUTES OF JANUARY STAFF MEETING
Psychology Department
January 30, 1967

The Psychology Department held its January meeting in EP 104 at 4 o'clock, January 30, 1967.

PRESENT: Marshall, Martoccia, Mitchell, Dixon, Higgins, McLain, Grossnickle, Long, Burkheimer, Graham, Zimmerman, Sadlack.

It was necessary for Dr. Prewett to attend a meeting in Raleigh at this time and Dr. Graham was asked to chair the meeting in his absence.

Dr. Grossnickle submitted the report of the Psychology 50/100 Committee. Dr. Graham stated that the Committee felt this action was necessary in order to maintain a common content for the Psychology 50 classes. Some complaints have been heard that too many students taking Psychology 100 after having taken Psychology 50 felt that it simply was just taking Psychology 50 over again; and some of the professors felt that the students going into the upper level courses were not being prepared sufficiently for these courses. After a lengthy discussion motion was made and passed that the staff accept the topics for Psychology 50 and Psychology 100 as recommended by the Committee. The topics to be covered are as follows:

Psychology 50

- a. Introduction and history of psychology.
- b. Scientific method (methods in psychology).
- c. Developmental.
- d. Intelligence.
- e. Motivation (from a non-physiological viewpoint).
- f. Learning--simple (conditions).
- g. Learning--human (massed vs. distributed, etc.).
- h. Adjustment (including an introduction to Freud).
- i. Psychopathology.
- j. Social.

Psychology 100

- a. Statistics and methodology.
- b. Tests and measurements.
- c. Emotion.
- d. Perception.
- e. Sensation.
- f. Physiology.
- g. Personality theory.
- h. Motivation (from a physiological viewpoint).
- i. Learning--this is a key area in present day psychology and should be covered in both 50 and 100.
- j. Thinking.

The Committee was asked to study further the choice of texts and to make a recommendation at a later staff meeting. In regard to the supervision of graduate teaching fellows, Dr. Graham asked the staff to submit any recommendations they might have to the Committee for study.

Dr. Grossnickle submitted a report for the Curriculum Committee requesting a new course--Psychology 242--be adopted in order to broaden the Department's course offerings in the area of industrial and personnel psychology. Motion made and unanimously passed that this report be accepted.

The subject of who was to be required to attend the graduate colloquia was discussed at length. Dr. Grossnickle made the motion that attendance be voluntary but strongly recommended. Motion passed. Miss McLain suggested that the theses proposals be circulated prior to the colloquium in order for students and faculty to know something about what is going to be presented.

It was announced that Joe Sturz' colloquium was scheduled to be held Thursday, February 2 at 4 o'clock in EP 104.

Dr. Mitchell announced that he had plans to work out an outline as to what should be included in the theses proposals and he would present it to the staff at the next meeting. Dr. Graham asked if anyone was interested in this to please advise Dr. Mitchell and they could collaborate on this outline.

The question was brought up as to whether all students in the Psychology 50 classes should be required to serve as subjects for research projects. Dr. Mitchell stated that at the University of Colorado they had a policy that all students were expected to participate; at Pennsylvania State their policy is that the students are given an opportunity to participate and for all those who do they will receive extra credit in their course work. After a lengthy discussion motion was made that students in Psychology 50 may be requested to serve as subjects in experimental studies in the Department of Psychology with the understanding that the experiments will follow ethical procedures. Motion was passed with two members dissenting.

Dr. Mitchell brought before the staff the fact that some faculty members were being asked questions about the results of tests being given by the graduate students. It was the consensus of opinion that this was unethical and the following motion was made and unanimously passed: Results of diagnostic testing shall not be given out to anyone.

Dr. Mitchell announced there was no report from the President's Advisory Council.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30.

Jean Brown
Jean Brown, Secretary

Robert B. Graham
Robert B. Graham, Chairman Pro-tem