

MINUTES OF THE STAFF MEETING
Psychology Department
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The Psychology Department held its December meeting in EP 104 at 4 o'clock, December 13, 1971.

PRESENT: Prewett, Castellow, Corwin, Lao, Higgins, Whitley, Moore, Tacker, Grossnickle, Daugherty, Means, Roberts, Mitchell, Stapleton, Martoccia, Long, and Williams.

Motion was made that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with and they be approved as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Moore, reporting for the Comprehensives Committee, made the following report:
(See attached.)

Motion was made that this report be accepted; motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Tacker moved that the Department take a look at the items submitted several months ago for the comprehensives examination and see if any revision is needed at this time. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Mitchell reported for the Curriculum Committee. The following report was given:

That a new course--Psychology 427: Principles of Learning for 3 hours credit be adopted and that it be substituted for Psychology 425: Theories of Learning and that Psychology 425 be used as an elective. He also proposed that Psychology 481: Theories and Systems be dropped from the curriculum--these changes to become effective Fall Quarter, 1972. Dr. Mitchell moved that this report be adopted. Motion passed with one member opposing.

Dr. Mitchell moved that Psychology 427 become a prerequisite for Psychology 469 and Psychology 473. Motion passed.

Another new course--Psychology 431: Seminar in Experimental Psychology for 3-hours credit was presented for consideration. This course would be a required course in the general-experimental graduate program and would be offered only in the fall. Dr. Mitchell moved that this course be accepted. After a lengthy discussion Dr. Mitchell withdrew his motion and moved that the Curriculum Committee be charged with the responsibility of preparing another course for one hour credit for each quarter for three successive quarters in a seminar-type manner. It was further suggested that this meeting of the Curriculum Committee be an open meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Roberts moved that the Curriculum Committee also consider the idea of making Psychology 280: History of Psychology a 300G course.

Dr. Long, reporting for an Ad Hoc Committee to study an alternate plan for foreign language requirement. The following recommendation was accepted with one member abstaining:

The Psychology Department permits a substitution of the following in lieu of the graduate language requirement: Not less than five hours nor more than two

Dr. Prewett congratulated Dr. Castellow on the completion of his Ph.D.

courses shall be required from the succeeding course list. The student will consult with his major advisor in order to decide which course or courses will provide him with the most effective implements for his individual research. Additional alternative courses may be considered, where appropriate, subject to the approval of the student's program director, faculty advisor and the Graduate Student Exceptions Committee: Biology 350G: Histology; Engl. 202: Scientific Writing; Math 200: Introduction to Digital Computation; Math 201: Computer Organization and Programming; Math 307: Mathematical Statistics; Phil. 281: Introduction to the Philosophy of Science; Phys. 228: Introductory Electronics; Phys 317: Electricity; Soci. 289: Community Organization; Soci. 370: Methods of Social Research; the fifth course in a foreign language.

Dr. Martoccia, reporting for the Library Committee, announced that the book list had been reactivated but the Department only receives two copies. Anyone wishing to see the list may do so by coming by his office.

Dr. Higgins, Chairman of an Ad Hoc Committee for Teacher Evaluation, made the following report: (See attached).

Dr. Higgins moved that the report be accepted and submitted to the campus-wide Ad Hoc Committee on Teacher Evaluation. Motion seconded. Dr. Grossnickle moved that the recommendations be amended to read as follows:

"The Department sends these comments with severe reservations because of the questionable assumptions of the entire project."

The amendment was seconded. Motion was defeated.

Mrs. Harris moved that the vote be postponed until some clarification could be made. Motion seconded and passed. Dr. Higgins was instructed to follow through on this.

Mrs. Harris was recognized to speak about the self-study report. Due to the lateness of the hour she asked that this be put on the agenda for the next staff meeting.

Dr. Prewett commended Mrs. Harris and the members of the Self-Study Steering Committee: Dr. Higgins and Dr. Martoccia, for the work they had done on this report and expressed the appreciation of the entire Department to them.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40.



Clinton R. Prewett, Chairman