

**Chair's Report, October, 2009**  
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**Announcements/discussion items**

1. **Psychology Advising Colloquium:** Special thanks to Doug Johnson, Amanda Austin, James Squires, Lisa Baker, Amy Damashek, Alyce Dickinson and Dick Malott for their contributions to the Psychology Advising Colloquium on October 9. Lydie Biedron and the Psi Chi organization also deserves acknowledgement for supplying pizza and beverages after the colloquium. I estimate that 40-50 undergraduates attended the colloquium. Several of the attendees expressed their appreciation for the event. It was covered in the Western Herald, although the reporter seemed to focus on jokes and quips that when taken out of context made little sense.
2. **CAS Dean Search:** Tim Greene has initiated a search for a replacement for Tom Kent as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He stopped by the chair's council to announce that Earlie Washington (Dean of Health and Human Services) would be chairing the committee. He intends to appoint a search committee consisting of a mixture of faculty, chairs, students, and staff. I passed along some recommendations for faculty, students and staff from the Psychology Department.
3. **Academic Program Plan:** The Psychology Department is scheduled to submit a revised and updated Academic Program Plan this year. Dr. Fuqua has submitted three names for consideration as an external reviewer, Brian Iwata, Dorothy Lerman, Bill O'Donohue, and is waiting to hear back from the APP coordinator on their selection of an external reviewer. Fuqua will handle the collection and display of Department level data for the APP. Members of the Executive Committee will take the lead in reviewing, revising and updating a number of initiative from the 2004 APP. They will be soliciting involvement from other faculty members. If you see an initiative on which you'd like to work, please feel free to contact the leader for that initiative. The draft of the 2009 Academic Program Plan will be submitted to the faculty for review and discussion at the November faculty meeting.
  - Initiative 1: Increase total value of grants and contracts: Alyce Dickinson
  - Initiative 2: Capitalize on our specialty in developmental disabilities: request Dick Malott or Stephanie Peterson to take the lead on this initiative?
  - Initiative 3 (**revised**): Enhance training in evidence based practices in health, safety and performance improvement: Scott Gaynor
  - Initiative 4: Maintain and when possible enhance the quality of undergraduate education: Lisa Baker

Initiative 5: Strengthen community liaisons: Heather McGee  
 Initiative 6 (**new**): Enhance training in basic science: Cindy Pietras  
 Initiative 7 (**new**): Enhance training in technology-based applications in health care, mental health and education: Naugle (with involvement of Johnson, Spates, Van Houten?)

Initiatives from 2004 that were dropped until the Department has more adequate resources:

Initiative 2: Develop an emphasis on behavioral science applications for small business and occupational safety

Initiative 3: Develop an emphasis on integrated health care

4. **Summer course schedule**—Based on correspondence from faculty after September’s Faculty Meeting, this is the tentative Summer 1, Summer 2 schedule for 2010. A reminder: minimum enrollment criteria for summer courses, graduate level=10; undergraduate level=20. Please verify times and capacities. Please contact Linda Rowen if no day/time is listed for your class or if you want to make a change.

**Summer 1, 2010**

Course	Instructor	Cap	Time/Day
1000, Intro	Johnson	48	T/R 12-2:30
2500, abnormal	Alessi	48	T/R 9-11:30
3240, ab child	Gaynor	50	MW 9-11:30
3300, methods	Poling	30	TR 9-11:30
3440, org psy	McGee	30	TR 12-2:30
3600, principles	Pietras	20	MW 9-11:30 (plus lab)
5260, drug	Baker	40	MW 9-11:30
6050, ethics	Fuqua	20	MW 9-11:30
6340, stats	Huitema	20	TRF, 10-11:40
6990, clin prac	Naugle	10	T, 1-4

**Summer 2, 2010**

Course	Instructor	Cap	Time/Day
1000, intro	Johnson	50	TR 9-11:30
3260, forensic	Wright	40	Contact Rowen
3240, stat	Damashek	40	Contact Rowen
4600, survey	Johnson	40	MW 9-11:30?
5240, sexuality	Wright	40	TR 9-11:30
6710, behavior	Malott	10	MTWRF, 3-6
6980/6990	Gaynor	20	W, 1-4

## Calendar of Upcoming Events and Deadlines

10-15 to 16	Hoosier Association for Behavior Analysis
10-16	Sona systems workshop (research participant recruiting and management), Mike Reynolds, noon, 1509 Wood Hall
10-23	Colloquium, Leslie Braksick, Distinguished Alumnus Award Recipient, Behavior and Business: What the Future Holds
10-30	Colloquium, Helen Pratt, Borderline Personality Disorders and Adolescents: Diagnostic and Treatment Issues
11-17	Take a Bronco to Dinner, 6-8PM, President's Dining Room, BSC
11-19 to 22	Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies
11-20	Colloquium, Steve Dworkin, Title to be announced
11-26 to 27	Thanksgiving recess
12-14 to 18	Finals Week
12-19	Fall Semester Commencement, 3PM ceremony