

Behavioral Science Advisory Board Meeting
October 20, 2020

Darrell Frost welcomed board members to the meeting. Present were Darrell Frost, Marsh Howard, Brenda Pennington, Thomas Hancock, Randy Barnett, Tamera Mix, Dr. April Phillips, Maggi Hutchason, Karol Daniel, and Cat Shehan.

Introductions were made.

Darrell presented statistics for Social Science majors here at NOC and then turned the meeting over to Marsh Howard.

Dr. Howard presented information concerning scholarships. Social Science scholarships involve approximately \$4,500 to \$5,000 directed to the two main campuses—Tonkawa and Enid. Dr. Howard expressed a desire for Stillwater students to perhaps have the access to a scholarship.

Dr. Howard then moved to looking at 4 specific questions.

1. How do we transition students to employment or to other universities?
2. Are there any additional courses we need to offer?
 - a. Discussed Abnormal Psychology
 - b. Dr. Hancock replied that our sophomore courses are pretty good. However, one course fails to meet any requirement. The course Intro to Addictive Behaviors is not one that fits well or that they have any use for.
 - c. Maggi Hutchason with Dearing House asked about the course Marriage and Family. Asked what it consisted of. Darrell replied with information regarding the course including that it needed to be renamed to Relationships and Family.
 - d. Karol Daniels with DHS would like to see more classes moving towards Social Work.
3. What other 2000 level courses can we focus on developing?
 - a. No true answers. However, Randy Barnett, stated that they take all courses regardless. They will fit somewhere within their degree requirements.
4. What do we need to do to prepare students for upper level classes?
 - a. Writing skills—Basic writing skills are lacking and need to be improved.
 - b. Critical thinking skills
 - c. Research resources for research papers.

Other questions:

1. Would your institution be interested in using students from our institution in terms of work study or internships?
 - a. Karol Daniel replied—yes, were already participating.
 - b. Thomas Hancock replied with an idea—perhaps to partner NOC students with a member of a research university becoming part of a research team.
2. Does any one have a suggestion for community outreach projects?
 - a. We are slightly limited as of right now.
 - b. Marsh Howard talked about his pro-social proposal with his students and how it could be used as a recruitment tool.

Meeting turned back over to Darrell Frost.

Tamera Mix made one comment before the meeting ended concerning courses with a Criminology focus within the Sociology degree. Darrell suggested she talk with our Criminal Justice Instructor—Troy Cochran.

Meeting was adjourned.