

October 10th, 2012

October's meeting began with a presentation by Dr. Jason Colquitt and Dr. Marie Mitchell representing the Terry College of Business' PhD Program in Management. They explained the nature of the program – one in applied organizational and behavioral psychology. They then handed out brochures to attendees before explaining the admissions process, the objectives of the program, and career possibilities for graduates. The presentation concluded with a question and answer session.

The meeting then transitioned to an exploration of member interests. After giving their name, year, and prospective degrees, students shared the field that are of professional interest to them. These fields included:

- Clinical psychology: Including family counseling, marriage counseling, professional counseling, school counseling, and the treatment of addictions
- Cognitive psychology
- Developmental psychology
- Forensic psychology
- Industrial/organizational psychology

The field of greatest interest appeared to be clinical psychology, particularly counseling psychology. Students were almost uniformly upperclassmen and reported interest in both master's and doctoral programs.

The next order of business was to announce the appointed officers for the 2012-2013 academic year.

- Lenzie Avery – Events Committee Head and Historian
- Brenna Dunham – Service Committee Head
- Heather Patterson – Publicity and Membership Committee Head

After the announcements were finished, Ashley talked about committees with the others present. She stressed the importance of committees to chapter functioning and expansion in addition to the ease of earning points through committee membership and participation. During this time, Ashley clarified the roles and responsibilities of each committee. Of note is that the Service Committee will be responsible for two service events during the Fall semester, whereas the Events Committee is only concerned with induction in the fall; the GRE Practice Examination fundraiser, the Psi Chi Convention, and spring induction will all take place next semester. Events may work on social events as well. Publicity will be responsible for flyering campus. A need for creative ideas and graphic or other design experience was communicated.

After speaking, Ashley answered a few questions. This year individuals will be restricted to membership in one committee. However, involvement with the other committees is possible in form of attending events and working on service projects. Non-members may join committees and work on service projects but will need to make evident on any résumé or curriculum vitae that they are not members of Psi Chi.

The meeting concluded with a brief discussion of events that may be of interest to members. Although many members are clinically-oriented, it is often hard to set up events in that field for liability reasons. The officers will look into potential events relevant to those interested in clinical

psychology; one promising possibility is a tour of a psychiatric ward or other clinical facility. Finally, a tentative date of March 29th, 2013, was given for the Psi Chi Convention.

At the end of the meeting, two members signed up for the Events Committee and two signed up for the Service Committee. Two non-members signed up for the Events Committee and one signed up for the Service Committee.

After the main meeting, Ashley, Megan, and Micah met with the new appointed officers.

As previously stated, Events will be most active during the Spring semester. Fall induction will require gathering and setting up supplies. The possibility of holding the event outside to save money was discussed. We could also prepare food rather than have it catered. Induction has typically taken place the week before finals, most often on a Wednesday.

Publicity will mostly be limited to advertising. One possible means of doing so is distributing Psi Chi bookmarks at the University bookstore. Members could also make announcements in Introduction to Psychology sections.

Brenna will plan events based on the feedback from the meeting and the Membership Interest Survey, but will have a good deal of latitude in selecting service events. Volunteering at a dog shelter has proven popular in past years. This usually happens on a Saturday or Sunday. Volunteering at a women's shelter would likely be well received, but may not be feasible – it would involve background checks and probably training.