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RE: Amendment to NS&B curriculum

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Mon, Mar 19, 2018 at 3:22 PM

To: Susan Sullivan <ssulli26@fau.edu>

Cc: Teresa Wilcox <wilcoxt@fau.edu>, Alan Kersten <akersten@fau.edu>, William Brooks <wbrooks@fau.edu>

Dear Susan,

Our faculty has voted and the Biology department strongly supports Psychology's proposal to require PSY 3234 as a prerequisite for PSB 3002. Again, my apologies for the delay on this. In future, please copy both me and Randy Brooks (cc'd) on the original request to the Chair to support us in expediting the process.

All the best,

Michelle

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From: Susan Sullivan [mailto:ssulli26@fau.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 4:34 PM

To: Michelle Cavallo <MCAVALLO@fau.edu>

Cc: Teresa Wilcox <wilcoxt@fau.edu>; Alan Kersten <akersten@fau.edu>

Subject: Re: Amendment to NS&B curriculum

Dear Michelle,

I'm writing to followup on the status of our request regarding setting PSY 3234 as a prerequisite for PSB 3002 for Neuroscience and Behavior majors. In your last email you explained that your Undergraduate Programs Committee would need to review the request and then put it to the faculty for a vote. Do you have any idea of the timing for next faculty meeting? Our goal is to have this change in place for the Fall 2018 cohort, assuming there are no objections from your Department.

I spoke with Dr. Wilcox regarding your question as to whether the Psychology Department would consider allowing biology majors to substitute STA 3173 for PSY 3234 as the prerequisite for PSB 3002 on a case-by-case basis. Given that the course is very similar in content to PSY 3234, we will accept it as a prerequisite on a case-by-case basis. Dr. Wilcox has asked the Undergraduate Programs Committee to review whether STA 3173 could be designated as an equivalent course to PSY 3234 so that it will be automatically accepted as a prerequisite for PSB 3002. We will keep you apprised of our progress on this.

Please let me know if there is any additional information we can provide to help move this process forward.

Best,

Susan

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On Tue, Feb 27, 2018 at 9:00 AM, Michelle Cavallo <MCAVALLO@fau.edu> wrote:

Dear Susan,

My apologies for the delayed response. Last week was our annual retreat and the weeks leading up to it are always particularly busy. I'm copying Randy Brooks, the Chair of our Departmental Undergraduate Programs Committee. All such proposals are reviewed by Randy's committee and then put to the faculty for a vote with the committee's recommendation. I'm also adding in course titles for Randy's benefit.

I understood that PSY 3234 (exp design statistical inference) was already a required course for all NSB majors. It would seem that the Psychology Department's proposal would only modify the order in which students completed the core course requirements and would not add to or subtract from the NSB major core. So, I don't imagine that the committee will take issue with the proposed change.

Many of our bio majors take PSB 3002 (Bio Basis of Behavior I) and so would potentially be impacted however, all of our majors are required to complete a stats course and the vast majority of them choose PSY 3234 to fulfill that degree requirement. Would the Psychology Department consider allowing biology majors to substitute Biostatistics (an STA course taught by math faculty) for the PSY 3234 pre-requisite to PSB 3002 on a case by case basis?

Best,

Michelle

From: Susan Sullivan [mailto:ssulli26@fau.edu]

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 2:57 PM

To: Michelle Cavallo <MCAVALLO@fau.edu>

Subject: Amendment to NS&B curriculum

Dear Michelle,

The Psychology Department recently voted to add our stats class PSY3234 as a prerequisite for our core courses (PSB 3002, SOP 3004, EXP 3005, and PSY 3213) for the Psychology major and minor. The proposed change impacts Neuroscience and Behavior students because they are required to take PSB 3002. Because NS&B is codirected by Psychology and Biology, we want to be sure the Biology department is on board with the change before submitting it to UUPC for approval. I recently sent the paperwork to Rod to review and asked for his feedback (objections or approval) and have not heard back from him. Is this something you can help with or is there someone else I should speak to? Perhaps Alex Keene? If you could point me in the right direction, I would greatly appreciate it.

Best,

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