

To Core Curriculum Committee
From Kevin Williams (Chair), Secretary, *pro tem*
Date October 13, 2017
Re September 20, 2017 Minutes

Members present

1. The Minutes of the April 19th 2017 Meeting were approved
2. Second reading of PSYC 270, Well-Being and Happiness (passed)

Dr. Murtagh resubmitted documents that were originally submitted last spring. She also provided the materials requested during the First Reading, April 2017. These included:

- A. An explanation for Lifelong Learning was added to the explanation of competencies.
- B. The assessment plan now has two measures to assess Lifelong Learning.

The Core Curriculum discussion on the addition of a new Wellness class followed the interests and ideas raised during the first reading. One interest is the impact of PSYC 270 on other WE classes (i.e., how many sections to schedule for PSYCH, and classes in other departments, to ensure enrollment). Information on the number of course offerings is available in the PSYC documents.

Concerns were raised for students who might misunderstand the prerequisite. Eliminating the prerequisite was considered during the first reading; the PSYC department was willing to consider this change. A decision was made to leave the prerequisite where it was because the prerequisite is important to PSYC 270.

PSYC 101 is a prerequisite for 270 Well-Being and Happiness; 270 is not a prerequisite for 101. Thus, PSYC majors may take any WE class they want, as with other students (unless another program has a prerequisite, which would not concern PSYC anyway).

A question raised concerned the use of any prerequisites in the Core. Dr. Daily noted that there are already prerequisites in the Core Curriculum. These are spelled out in the Catalog. We can run PSC 270 because the prerequisites don't stop students from taking athletics or any other WE courses.

The course standing in University C&I was addressed: The course has passed that stage of adjudication.

M S P – 19 Votes in favor

The Core Curriculum Committee voted in favor of making PSYC 270 a Tier II Wellness option.

Kevin Williams, Secretary, *Pro Tem*