

Gary Glasgow  
Curriculum Committee Chair

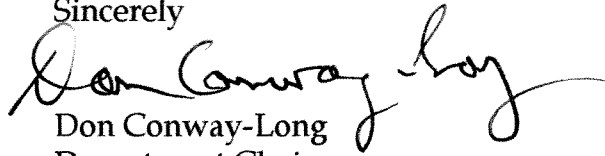
Dear Gary,

As the chair of the Behavioral & Social Sciences department, I am writing in support of a new arrangement between Education and B&SS. Our two departments have agreed to a change in the way the Education Psychology course that my department has traditionally offered for education students will be taught. The main reason is the increasing demands from the state for course content in the area of assessment. Cathie Korobey believes it is necessary to create a uniquely classroom-focused course to cover this material for her students, and therefore they are creating a course called Learning, Teaching and Assessment. This new course will substitute for the previous requirement that Education students take our Ed Psych course. We will continue to offer the original Ed Psych course for our students, and we will determine the frequency of the course according to the future enrollment (which will, of course, drop, since the Education students will no longer be enrolling).

We have also, following similar issues of the orientation of the course, decided to create separate courses for Behavioral management, which B&SS has also traditionally offered for Education students. Education will offer one that is designed completely on classroom management, which will be focused for primary school teachers. Psychology, on the other hand, will offer a separate version with a wider application to behavioral management issues, though one unit will address classroom management. This course will be designed for psychology students, as well as secondary education teachers. It has become pedagogically unsound to attempt to meet all the needs of diverse students in a single version of the course.

Our departments have agreed, so we would request the Curriculum Committee to support the proposal being put forward by Cathie Korobey. If you have any further questions for us in B&SS, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Conway-Long". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Don Conway-Long  
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