

BRITISH COLUMBIA PSYCHOLOGY ARTICULATION COMMITTEE

INSTITUTIONAL REPORT

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- Institutional Update
 - We are currently searching for a new Dean of Social Sciences. Dean John Black will retire this summer.
 - Section offerings remain relatively stable, we are up one section in Nanaimo this year over last: 70 sections in Nanaimo; 6 in Duncan; 2 in Powell River for 2017/2018. We are offering 4 sections in Nanaimo in the summer semester and one in Duncan.
 - Dr. Lindsay McCunn will begin her regular position on August 1st, 2017. Her primary area of expertise is Environmental Psychology; she also has experience teaching History and Systems of Psychology.
 - With the addition of Dr. McCunn we will again have 10 regular full-time faculty members. We have also been given approval to hire for a regular half time position. We are looking for a generalist although those with expertise in clinical, addictions, and/or community psychology are especially encouraged to apply.
- Program Update
 - New course: Psyc 385 Motivation and Emotion.
 - An Honours BA program is proposed. The proposed program will allow students to complete the Honours degree within the 120 credits required for the degree.
 - The institution will not yet accept proposals for Honours programs culminating in a BSc at this time.
 - We expect to undergo an external program review in 2017/2018.