

NOC Behavioral Sciences Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2017

The Behavioral Sciences Advisory Board meeting was held in the Rodgers Room on the NOC Campus in Tonkawa, Oklahoma, at 12:00 p.m. Board members present were Jody Burch, Suzanne Burks, Tiffanie Cox, Karol Daniel, and Jennifer Pribble. NOC members present were Dr. Cheryl Evans, Dr. Pam Stinson, Dr. Rae Ann Kruse, Darrell Frost, Dr. Marsh Howard, and Alyce Webb.

After lunch, Dr. Evans welcomed the committee and gave an overview of Northern Oklahoma College. Darrell Frost followed with introductions and a Social Sciences department report.

Behavioral Sciences has 15 full-time faculty and 21 adjuncts.

The Tonkawa campus recently opened a Social Sciences resource room for students. Two online Social Science courses are going through the Quality Matters process that certifies a high-quality, accessible design.

NOC-Stillwater has a new building under construction that is set to open in fall 2018. Dr. Howard led the discussion.

Question 1: Are there specific courses for this level of study you would like to see the NOC social science department offer?

From the Northwestern Oklahoma State University perspective, NOC is doing a “fabulous” job of preparing students to transfer

Recommendation for APA writing skills and developing an APA course

Writing skills still lacking through Ph.D. level programs

Need to be a better clinician than writer but must be able to take decent notes

Notes are more important than ever because we are a litigious society

Notes are needed if records are subpoenaed or for accreditation visits

Recommendation to require practitioner interview in coursework to expose students to career plus provide report writing opportunity

Time management skills to meet note deadlines and schedule clients

Recommended seminars on time management

NOC-Stillwater students are encouraged to use OSU Counseling Services and do so

NOC-Stillwater students pay for OSU services through their fees and are encouraged to use OSU Disability Services, as needed

Large percentage of OSU student conduct cases are NOC students

Trend for students to use services because they have become destigmatized

NOC does have a counselor on each campus plus assistance from student housing directors

Question 2: Are there any career opportunities in your field for students with an associate degree?

Edwin Fair has a recovery support specialist position
Student would need some background to relate to situations; i.e., how they got through a situation and be able to share
Similar to old-style case managers
Don't have to diagnose, but be understanding
DHS requires a B.S. in child welfare
Look into Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program—helps pay tuition
Child welfare assistant
Case aid

Question 3: What internship opportunities are available?

Practicums are very important for realistic expectations
DHS has unpaid internships
Northwestern Oklahoma State University has a Service Learning in Social Work course early in the course sequence
Observation hours need to be completed early in the program
DHS workers serve as classroom guest speakers and discuss internships
Videos available in Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program
Recommended the book *101 Days of a Social Worker*
Need to create a list of job options based on degree
OSU Police has student internships (Public Service Officers)
Tulsa Achieve requires all students to participate in 40 hours of volunteerism which lead to career exploration
New trend is enhanced vita to include volunteerism and shadowing
Difficult at Edwin Fair with background check and training requirements, student has almost used up 40 hours

Question 4: What ideas do you have to improve your field?

Building effective leaders
Be a good follower; humble
Take criticism and build from it
Give back to community where you grew up
Rural mental health need is huge
Competition for rural staff is huge
OSU Medical School is only taking Oklahoma residents
Land grant mission
Northwest Oklahoma has a "Grow Your Own" campaign trying to get students to come back and practice in local community
Need a class at the end entitled "All the Things You Needed to Learn, but Didn't"

All participants volunteered to serve as guest speakers.

Dr. Pam Stinson thanked the members for their continued support and closed the meeting at 1:20 p.m.