**Clinical Psychology Area Meeting Minutes (non-confidential)
Friday, January 24, 2025, at 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm-115 FA & Zoom**

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| **Attendance (**🗶 ✓) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dr. Kristin Reynolds (Chair) | ✓ | Dr. Corey Mackenzie | ✓ | Dr. Nicole Muir (Zoom) | ✓ |
| Dr. Harold Wallbridge | ✓ | Dr. Jen Theule (regrets) | 🗶 | Lily Pankratz-CSR (Zoom) | ✓ |
| Dr. Lorna Jakobson (Zoom) | ✓ | Dr. Ed Johnson (regrets-on leave) | ✓ | Erin White-CSR (Zoom) | ✓ |
| Dr. Leslie Roos (regrets-on leave) | 🗶 | Dr. Diane Hiebert-Murphy (regrets) | 🗶 | Andrea Labossiere (recorder) |  |
| Dr. Alicia Nijdam-Jones (regrets-on leave) | ✓ | Dr. Gabriel Schnerch (Zoom) | ✓ |  |  |

| **Agenda Item** |  **Notes** | **Decision/Action** | **Status** |
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| 1. Approval of agenda | Kristin made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Hal / CARRIED | Agenda approved. | Closed |
| 2. Approval of Dec. 13, 2024 meeting minutes. | Kristin made a motion to approve the Dec. 13, 2024 meeting minutes. Seconded by Corey / CARRIED. | Meeting minutes approved. | Closed |
| 3. Reports:1. DCT
 | * Elder Valdie, who had hoped to collaborate with the clinical area has passed away unexpectedly. Hopefully this group will continue to work on Indigenizing the program in his honour.
* Job interviews will be continuing into early February. Thanks to everyone who has been involved so far and for attending all the events.
* Internship candidates are currently on interviews and will submitting their rankings in February.
* Sent out the first issue of The *Compassionate Bison* news update. Hoping to do brief news updates monthly. Send any ideas for content to Kristin.
* Held a Clinical Expansion meeting with Hal, Melanie, Mary, Liana and Andrea. It was good for the most part and the group plans to continue to meet at key stages, with the next meeting planned in fall before the next Admissions cycle. The Associate DCT issue was raised, which resulted in Kristin writing a new proposal, that she will bring to the Dean. This position would be associated with a 3-credit course release.
* Meeting with the IPE education team, hoping to put together a list of what would be most interesting for clinical students. Also working to determine what level of student can participate in which events.
* Applying for research leave starting in August 2026 for a year and will need some to take on the role of DCT while away.

**Discussion:** Corey volunteered to step in during this time. |  | Closed |
| 1. PSC Director
 | * Currently orienting the new students and it is proceeding well. Our new half time Office Assistant, Mindy Black has started and is also being oriented to her new role.
* Nicole did a seminar on January 21, 2025 which was well attended. Hal is doing a seminar on professional regulation in his role as PAM Registrar on Feb. 4, 2025. Also planning a MDMA Assisted Therapy seminar by Dr. Darek Dawda. Lori Mac from SCC has offered seminar series on trauma in the spring so working to get that scheduled as well.
 |  | Closed |
| 1. CSR Report
 | * Holding the first clinical student meeting of the year on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2025 at 2:30 pm. Plan to continue doing the meetings on Tuesday afternoons but will make sure the meeting don’t overlap with the PSC seminars. Having a student get together on Jan. 30, 2025 at the Forks.
* Will continue to encourage students to attend upcoming job talks but it would be helpful to receive more calendar invites for the events.

**Discussion**: Kristin will ask Jamie to send calendar invites for the job talks. * Congratulation to Erin White who has successfully defended her PhD. dissertation proposal this morning.
 |  | Closed |
| 4. Clinical Associate Vote | Hal made a motion to make Dr. Elena Bilevicius a Clinical Associate of the program for a two-year term. Motion seconded by Kristin / CARRIED. |  | Closed |
| 5. May 2025 Candidacy  | Closed book Candidacy exam dates will be May 1 & 2. Students need to declare their interest in writing by March 1, 2025 to Liana and Richard. If pursuing the closed book option, the 3-component exam will follow a similar format to the exam written in 2024. Kristin will be emailing students about this shortly. For the closed book, last year’s exam was an article review, case conceptualization and positionality statement and advisors collaborated when students had similar interests, which seemed to work out very well. There was positive feedback from the students, particularly compared to what was done in the past. Full details on the candidacy exam should not announced to students before and it is ultimately a committee-based decision what is used for the exam.**Discussion:*** Nicole mentioned she normally talks about positionality papers in her class, including the negative aspects of them. Nicole will send out a paper to the group on the cons of positionality statements to the group. She suggested developing the positionality statement question more to include what it means to the statement into action.
* Positionality statement comes at a good time in the program because many who are writing the exam will be applying for internship in the fall.
* Kristin will circulate an exam from last year, and work on revising what the questions will look like. She will send the positionality question to Nicole for her feedback before it is finalized.
 |  | Closed |
| 6. Psychopharmacology CPA Accreditation Requirement | Nothing has been organized yet for the CPA accreditation requirement for training in Psychopharmacology so if anyone has any ideas let Kristin know. Last year’s session was a general presentation so something more specific may be interesting for the students. **Discussion:*** Nicole is teaching Psychopathology this year and will be talking a lot about the ketamine clinic using ketamine assisted therapy and wondered if that would be applicable.
* There is the CPA series, which is 6 hours of recordings that is accessible by subscription. Kristin is currently looking into this and has determined that a group license is available for $1000.00. She is waiting for a response to find out how access would work.
* Corey knows someone who may be available to do a seminar. He is supervising a psychologist from Iran named Farhad Taremian who seems to know a great deal about the topic, so Corey will check in with him to see if he would be available to do a lecture for our students. Andrea will send the remaining available Tuesday dates to Corey and Kristin to aid in getting this scheduled.
* Another idea would be to build the CPA course it into the candidacy exam, which could perhaps replace the research article. Kristin will email Stewart Madon at CPA to find out more about the course and consider it as an option for 2026.
 | Corey will  | Open |
| 7. Curriculum | * Steve Greening approached Kristin again and indicated he is still very willing to teach his course if needed, which would cover the affective, cognitive, and biological basis of behavior requirements.

**Discussion:*** Lorna’s course currently covers cognitive and biological basis of behavior and includes some aspects of others. Trying to schedule Steve’s course right now may be premature until the new people have been hired.
* Kristin will schedule the next curriculum meeting in February to continue to discuss this and other issues. Corey continues to develop his plans to update CASE and will bring options to the next Curriculum meeting.
* Corey reported that Leslie Roos attended a recent Pathways committee meeting because she got some Dean’s funds to work on Indigenizing the Clinical curriculum. Pathways was happy to provide guidance and advice on this.
* It was agreed that it would be great to have Nicole run her course next academic year as a pilot before it can be fulling integrated. Perhaps requesting to teach it as a special topics course first before it is fully approved, which may take a year or two. Nicole will send an email to Melanie and Mary to request this. Indicate that it is an important course for the clinical area and the group is in full support of this happening.
 |  | Closed |
| 8. CanU Partnership Request | * Met with Steven Feldgaier from Manitoba Cultural Communities for Families and Roger Berrington, from CanU. CanU is a partnership between schools and universities that partners students with advisors for the completion of a project. Students are nominated by schools to participate and 70% of students who are nominated are new Canadians. Winnipeg School division is big participant in the program. CanU is interested in having psychologist involved in the program because currently they do not have a partnership with psychology. Kristin will send links if anyone is interested. Roger would be interested in coming to a meeting to discuss this if there is interest.

**Discussion:** Although this sounds like a great opportunity, asking faculty to be involved would put more strain on everyone, who is already overextended at this time. This request will be tabled for now due to unavailability of faculty. |  | Closed |
| 9. Admissions (in-camera) | CSRs were excused for this agenda item. Following an extensive discussion the admissions shortlist was finalized by the group. It was also determined which applicants would need to receive a Clinical Suitability Interview. It was agreed that those candidates who are already well known to a faculty member or members will not need to be interviewed.  |  |  |
| 10. Adjournment | Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. |  | Closed |