



*Dean of Instruction Office*

Dr. Matt Mingus, Chair

UNM Gallup Curriculum Committee

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Dear Dr. Mingus,

This letter is in reference to the A.A. Psychology review.

First I would like to commend Dr. Gjeltema, Chair of Arts and Sciences, for the thoroughness of the documentation and the clarity of his argument.

Having read all of the material, and having considered both Dr. Gjeltema's argument and Dr. Buggie's counter-rationale, I support Dr. Gjeltema's recommendation: *I recommend shifting our resources from the AA in Psychology to a Psychology concentration within the AA in Liberal Arts.*

Dr. Gjeltema gives four solid reasons for recommending this shift. It will:

1. Shorten the time students spend at Gallup before transfer. This is a stated priority of the University President, Dr. Frank.
2. Increase the number of core classes taken here (by lowering the number of required classes in Psychology.)
3. Increase the number of our AA graduates (greatly needed.)
4. Free up resources for additional concentrations and distribute the teaching of 200 level classes in a more equitable manner (making better use of our diminishing resources.)

I applaud Dr. Buggie's dedication in establishing this degree and his sponsorship of Native American students through the Native Americans into Psychology (NAIP) summer program at Oklahoma State University. He argues that the AA degree in Psychology is integral to this sponsorship.

I do not think, however, that lowering the number of Psychology credits taken at Gallup will adversely impact the transfer of students to upper division programs at other institutions.

Truly,

Professor Kenneth R. Roberts, Dean of Instruction.

Cc. Dr. Bruce Gjeltema.