

Hello All,

Today, September 11, the meeting opened with your President revising the constitution and its by-laws

The club voted to *change the former law* of only allowing Psychology major and minor students to join *to allow all students to join.*

The club agreed to change the location mentioned in the constitution to the *current location in the Psych building 1302.*

The club voted to keep the *minimum GPA for officers at 2.25* in accordance with a campus wide rule to keep students who participate in clubs to be meeting their scholarly requirements.

After this was completed, club voted for a **T-shirt design** to represent us. It will cost **\$12 and require a specific shirt size.** The money to purchase the shirt can be given to our Advisors, Dr. Talor and Dr. Browne or to our Treasurer, Genesis Lewis, who frequents the department. **Psy Chi** will be voting on their T-shirts this Thursday and may be reviving old favorite sayings.

The club continued with a theme: **“Plenty of Research Opportunities at VSU”** by inviting Faculty to present the research they are currently starting and or wrapping up.

**Dr. Talor** went first with a Powerpoint presentation. It focused on the usefulness of research to students within VSU

- It expands on studies not covered in class or textbook
- It increases your job/career skillset
- It improves the quality of graduate school recommendation letters, and
- It may be presented at a conference and it may be published.

The student’s obligation is to ask faculty about research they are interested in conducting or learning more about. The faculty will direct them to the professor most acquainted with their subject. His powerpoint is attached in this e-mail

**Dr. Tost and Dr. Troyer** went next, presenting their great fascination with quantifying levels of consciousness. Dr. Troyer made a viable instrument to measure consciousness in her thesis and looks to improve upon so that it can be used in Psychological studies. They are looking into ways of life that increase self-awareness such as Spiritual activities, yoga, and martial arts. They intend to use the EEG, GSR and taxing cognitive as well as emotional loads. They are eagerly looking for undergraduates who are interested in the field of study as they progress. Dr. Tost hopes to present it at the GPS conference.

**Dr. Browne** discussed his study on DigiRatio, including sex difference and attractiveness. He continues working on the Lexical Decision Task which is coming to a close, disgust and the Galvanic Skin Response. He encouraged thesis students to go to faculty to find a thesis advisor, reminding us that research shine son graduate school applications. He related a trend of two undergraduate researchers per year making it directly into the doctoral program.

**Dr. Kohn** concluded the faculty disclosure by talk about his studies of psychological comfort that he is in part doing with Dr. Henkel. It seeks to find the core of comfort including research on uncertainty, optimism, and pessimism. This study will span a large age range, across the lifespan. It hopes to develop 'a social comparison' of mundane stressors that we encounter on a daily basis. He encouraged students to get in contact with him if his study interested them.

The projects which these professors are devoted to can be seen in greater detail by clicking this link:  
<http://www.valdosta.edu/coe/psychology/Research.shtml>

The President reminded us that even a small amount of time spent to coding number will be useful to our academic careers. Dr. Browne made a powerpoint called "**Helping Students Avoid the Kisses of Death in the Graduate School Process**" which can be found on this link:  
[http://www.valdosta.edu/coe/psychology/documents/kisses\\_of\\_death.pdf](http://www.valdosta.edu/coe/psychology/documents/kisses_of_death.pdf)

Your President reminds you to support and donate to our "Walk to End Alzheimer's" team. If you have not already done this, follow this link here:  
[http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk/GA-Georgia?pg=team&fr\\_id=2510&team\\_id=48429](http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk/GA-Georgia?pg=team&fr_id=2510&team_id=48429)

Click "Join Team" and create your username and membership. Also, Cash donations will be taken up now through Saturday on the event.

If an associate of yours wishes to contribute to our donations, have them give you the cash or make the check out to you and give it the advisors or the treasurer.  
See you this Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 in Valdosta Middle School for the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" :D

Finally, Our club will be re-registering officially this Friday. Therefore it is **highly important** you **log in to CampusConnect with your Blazeview ID and password and join us.** Please DON'T press the Register button, and Please register before midnight on this Thursday, the 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Upcoming events also posted on the bulletin boards:

- Sept 20th Eat & Meet: hosted by **Psy Chi** for Dr. Reiner
- Sept 28th Mock GRE with Dr. Browne @ 2pm, Psyc Building 1302. **Sign-Up on Bulletin Board outside of 1302 ahead of time.** *This event will take 2-3 hours to do.*
- Oct 4th Grad Prep Day- Professors from Master's program accept grad school questions
- Oct 9th Early registration for conference visit during Wed. March 13-16th, \$70
- Oct 11th APA workshops: **Psy Chi** and Dr. Browne @ 12:30, Psyc building 1302
- Nov 8th APA workshops: **Psy Chi** and Dr. Tost @ 12:30, Psyc building 1302