**Today’s Minutes**

*10/1/14*

Graduate School Applications

1. Career Center website, Applications
2. Offers several links for graduate school applications, links, etc.
3. Overview of different branches of psychology
4. Clinical, School, Sport, Experimental, Developmental, I.O., Neuropsychology, Counseling
5. Types of degrees: Masters (M.A., M.S.), PsyD (Doctorate of Psychology) PhD (Doctorate of Philosophy)
6. Tip: Think about future career goals when considering the different types of degree programs!
7. PsyD vs. PhD
8. Why go? Career in academia, professional licensing, salary, interest in the field
9. Why not go? Pleasing others, unsure what you want to do, not ready for a job
10. What you need to know
11. Find programs that are stable and strong in your field of study
12. Admissions requirements
13. Areas of specialization
14. Program options (thesis vs. non-thesis)
15. Payment options
16. Requirements: Transcript, personal statement, letters of rec, financial aid application, admission exams (GRE; GRE subject tests [if necessary])
17. Personal statement- how you think/write, sell yourself, why should they admit you?, connect present/past/future, synthesize application by tying all pieces together
18. Letters of rec- start early, usually at least 3, give them all deadlines, send reminder emails, thank them upon sending the letters
19. Resume
20. Clear, concise
21. Professional image, professional email account, use phone number that you check regularly
22. Indicate GPA if 3.0 or higher
23. Target your experience; transferable skills
24. Cirricula Vitae (CV)
25. More detailed, inclusive of all relevant things that you have done thus far
26. Community service opportunities
27. This Saturday, 10/4, Loch Raven tree planting → email [kanzal1@students.towson.edu](mailto:kanzal1@students.towson.edu) if you are interested
28. Need community service hours to be considered an active member!!!