The meeting was called to order at 1730 on 12 November 2008.

- Attendance: All officers were present, and there were approximately 30 regular members in attendance
- Today’s topic: Various career paths for psychology graduates

**Lincoln Regional Center (LRC) (presented by Mary Sullivan)**

- In the LRC, people work with adults who have sever persistent mental disorders
- There are teams of professionals and techs
  - Psychologists who have PhDs are part of the core team
  - With a bachelor’s degree, you can be a psych tech or security specialist
- The LRC has a contract with UNL—grad students can observe the workings
- Volunteering for the LRC is very helpful… it is experience that is very useful for clinical aspirations
- As a psych tech or security specialist, you get a lot of contact with the patients
- Internships (unpaid) are only available for MSW candidates
- A big idea: Diagnoses in psychology don’t imply that a certain procedure should be used. It’s not medicine!

**Management science (presented by Marie Mitchell)**

- Management science asks how people do the things that they do in organizations
  - It’s a way of applying what you have learned in psychology
- Mitchell studies “bad behavior” in organizations (e.g. retaliation, abusive management)
- The question: How do you act constructively in these situations?
- She works with the Leadership Institute
  - This is a paid internship and gives tuition remission for grad students working toward a Masters or PhD
  - Have to take the GMAT, have interest in research and teaching, and such
  - Psych majors are good candidates for something like this
- To be competitive, DOING RESEARCH is the key thing. Being an apt teacher is very important too
- You would evaluate data and make suggestions for improving business workings

**Psychology research (presented by Cal Garbin)**

- The “big-R” research is the big study… the knowledge passed on in textbooks
  - But, the basics behind it are what you learned in 350
- The “little-r” research is the idea: “Learn stuff or die!”
  - His example: As he started off in menial jobs, punching in data, it eventually led him to start analyzing data and getting more rewarding
- You can get noticed by participating in “little-r” research
  - In particular, there is a corridor between Des Moines and Oklahoma City that has a bevy of survey design and application jobs
- When you start in a lab, you don’t get to start with the “cool ****”
  - But, doing well with entry level work shows that you are capable and willing!
- *Be able to use basic data analysis! This will help to put you above others.*
It’s not just the number crunching. Understanding behavior allows you to create the models that the statisticians (or the research assistants) then crunch!

Whatever you do, data analysis and good English skills will help immensely

The meeting adjourned at 1805.

Respectfully submitted,
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