

PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE

CLUSTER MINUTES
October 15, 2014
10:45am – 12noon
DH 105 Lake Worth Campus

ITEM 1. Finalize the following item: Over the past two-three years, there has been an increase in the number of instances in academic dishonesty. Because there is not one standard college policy that clearly identifies the student consequence for academic dishonesty, more issues seem to increase in the equitable treatment of students. Therefore, we are requesting that each discipline/program cluster develop one standard policy for the consequence of academic dishonesty. The policy should be approved by the cluster by the October 15 Development Day, for time to have appropriate review by the college General Counsel and inclusion in the 2015-16 Student Handbook and Catalog.

Discussion: Health and Nutrition cluster re-visited the academic dishonesty policy. The cluster examined accepted policies that were created from other clusters groups. The cluster decided to use the following policy:

“The academic dishonesty policy of the health and nutrition cluster is to adhere to explicitly stated consequences for academic dishonesty as articulated in each faculty member’s syllabus, which may include resubmission of assignment, failure of assignment, and up to/including failure of course.”

Action: Unanimously passed by cluster

ITEM 2. Gordon Rule.

Discussion: The health cluster is implementing the HSC 2100 & HSC 1101 identification as Gordon rule courses. The faculty will continue to monitor the impact this has on our student’s learning success.

Action: Discussion will continue at future cluster meetings.

ITEM 3. Common Assessment – implementation, rubric, strategies, evidence-based research.

Discussion: The new Common Assessment form the HSC 2100 course was discussed. Cluster provided input on improving the rubric for the HSC 2100 Common Assessment. Professor Ciucci provided feedback on programs that can be incorporated to improve student performance on the assessment.

Action: Faculty will be providing feedback to the rubric and improvements will be made accordingly.

ITEM 4. Enrollment.

Discussion: Increasing enrollment in the health courses was discussed. Dr. Van Der velde stated that since students have taken many of the initial required courses in the fall semester, enrollment should be stable this coming spring semester. Strategies to inform students and college counsellors of the course were discussed.

Action: Continue outreach programs to through appropriate channels to raise awareness of the course and its importance in general education.

ITEM 5. Money for a health initiative from Jackie Rogers.

Discussion: Dr. Rogers procured \$2000 through promotion of her weight management success and generously earmarked it to be utilized in the area of health. The cluster discussed options on how to use the donation. Guest speakers on Body Awareness during Eating Disorder Awareness Month were suggested. Giving scholarships for students who have implemented a successful behavior change plan or completing a service learning project related to improving the health of the community were ideas discussed as well. Dr. Rogers asked for a funding proposal to be submitted.

Data/data source: Jackie Rogers

Action: Faculty will give suggestions via email by November 1st then a decision will be made.

Attendance:

Submitted by: Paula Myslivecek, Scribe

c. Minutes Distribution List

Attendance:

Brian Findley, Chair

Paula Myslivecek

Tracy Ciucci

Randy Gailey

Kanathy Haney

Bob Rajcoomar

Bob Van Der velde
Jackie Rogers
Barbara Goldman
Jeanne Boone
Trish Froehlich

Absent:

Kristy Taylor
Judith Sharlin