



MEETING MINUTES

[Cluster / Psychology]

January 5th 2015

9:00AM-10:30 AM

Social Science Room 116

Attendance: Dr. Maria Francisca Arbona, Professor Gisela Diaz Dr. Andrew Blair, Professor Suzie Duff, Dr. Roxanna Anderson, Dr. Michael Myers, Dr. Ted Cascio

ITEM #1 Publisher Presentations

Discussion: Reviewed days, dates & places for textbook presentations. Decided the presentations will take place on the Lake Worth campus on the following days with the times being 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon; 1) January 30th Cengage Publishing; 2) February 6th Pearson Publisher; 3) February 13th Wiley Publisher; 4) February 20th McGraw-Hill Publisher; 5) February 27th Oxford Publisher. The cluster also decided to have a meeting on March 20th to review the online survey data and give time and opportunity for cluster members to share any comments about each text and presentation. Cluster discussed how the final voting for textbooks will be conducted on Spring Professional Development Day March 26th 2015. The cluster decided that voting will be done confidentially and members will rank their top 3 choices for each category (e.g. PSY 2012, DEP 2004, & DEP 2102)

ITEM #2 Textbook Survey Questionnaire

Discussion: The online textbook survey will be used as one component of the decision-making process. This will be quantitative component in the decision-making and additional cluster members 'comments and discussion will be the qualitative component of the decision-making. In addition, the online textbook survey will be used by any cluster members who due to scheduling are unavailable to attend the on campus publisher presentations. Dr. Ted Cascio offered to review and gather the final data from this online textbook survey

ITEM #3 New Edition of the Essentials of Lifespan Development by John Santrock for DEP 2004

Discussion: The cluster was informed of a new 4th edition of the John Santrock text being considered for adoption of DEP 2004.

ITEM #4 Other Issues

Dr. Ted Cascio proposed creation of a new psychology course for Positive Psychology. The cluster members voted unanimously to move forward with the development of the course. Dr. Blair offered some suggestions on the process of developing a new course such as speaking to his Associate Dean about moving forward. Also Dr. Blair offered to be a resource for him in this process.

Professor Gisela Diaz informed the cluster that she is considering using free course ware for her PSY 2012 General Psychology in the future

Dr. Cascio asked to have additional discussion about the development of the Positive psychology course during the next cluster meeting. Finally, Professor Diaz also mentioned discussing about online failure/success rates and online course development during the next cluster meeting.

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