

CLUSTER MINUTES  
ACCOUNTING CLUSTER  
Thursday, March 22, 2012  
1:30 pm – 2:30 p.m.  
Lake Worth Campus

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**ITEM 1. General Education Review Form**

Discussion: The Cluster reviewed the General Education Review form filled out by Associate Professor D'Agati. After a detailed review and summary there were no questions.

Data/data source: General Education Review form generated internally.

Action: The Cluster approved the form as prepared.

**ITEM 2. Bookkeeping textbook**

Discussion: Associate Professor Danso presented an analysis of the new edition of the current textbook the Cluster is currently using for APA Bookkeeping. The highlight of the presentation was the fact that the working papers that accompany the textbook are now being sold in an electronic version. Associate Professor Danso enthusiastically explained that now only would this provide students with a better learning experience it should also lower the cost of the textbook/software bundle to each student.

It should also be noted that the Publishing Rep for Cengage Publishing was informed that the word "Accounting" is actually spelled with 2 (two) c's. It has actually been that way for quite awhile. Cengage Publishing spelled "Accounting" with just one "c" on the cover of the textbook. The Cluster Chair suggested to the Publisher's Rep that the use of "Spell Check" could possibly increase the accuracy and professional appearance of their textbooks. The Publisher's Rep seemed deeply appreciative of the Cluster Chair's thoughtful insight and constructive ideas regarding textbook appearance. Furthermore, she assured the Cluster Chair that the texts to be sold to students this coming fall would be edited to properly spell the word "Accounting".

Data/data source: 11<sup>th</sup> edition of "**College Accounting**" (Publisher spelling)

Action: The Cluster unanimously agreed to adopt the new 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the textbook effective with the 2012 fall semester (2013-1).

**ITEM 3. Textbook upgrades for ACG2450 and ACG2172.**

Discussion: It was noted that since these classes (ACG2450 and ACG2172) are software related, the Cluster must decide to either upgrade to the new edition or choose a new book that teaches the new version of the software. Since we have to stay current with the new technologies, we plan to upgrade our computers to QuickBooks 2012 and Peachtree 2012 for the next academic year. Associate Professors Danso & D'Agati, both currently teaching these courses, expressed satisfaction with these textbooks.

Data/data source: McGraw-Hill Publishing Company

Action: A motion was made to adopt the following textbooks starting with the fall semester:

**ACG 2450**

Computer Accounting with QuickBooks 2012, 14<sup>th</sup> edition, ISBN\_9780077624538 (Book comes packaged with QuickBooks trial software.) <http://catalogs.mhhe.com/mhhe/viewProductDetails.do?isbn=007762453X>

**APA 2172**

Computer Accounting with Peachtree Complete by Sage Complete Accounting 2012, 16<sup>th</sup> edition, ISBN 9780077634025 (Book comes packaged with Peachtree trial software.) <http://catalogs.mhhe.com/mhhe/viewProductDetails.do?isbn=0077634020>

The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 4. ACG2071 Managerial Accounting textbook**

Discussion: The Cluster Chair informed the cluster that the 13th edition of the Garrison text we are now using now is officially out of publication. McGraw-Hill will not be printing any more of those books and there are no more copies of the book available in our warehouse. If the Cluster decides to stay with the 13th edition for the next two years students would have to get the books from the used book market, unless the Cluster creates the text in CREATE (our custom product building tool). We could keep all 13 edition content that way. The 15th edition of the textbook is coming out in January of 2014 for Summer/Fall 2014 adoption. According to the Publisher's Rep, the Cluster has the following options:  
OPTION 1: Stay with what we have.  
OPTION 2: Building 13/e books in CREATE  
OPTION 3: Building a custom book that includes the 13/e and 14/e chapters that the Cluster likes, and add Connect Plus. The Publisher can offer print and/or all digital options to students to manage price.

Data/data source: McGraw-Hill Publishing Company

Action: A motion was made to review textbook delivery options for the 13<sup>th</sup> edition. The Cluster Chair will meet with the Publisher's Rep to identify these options. A decision will then be made once these options are identified. The motion carried.

**Attendance:**

Robin D'Agati

Emmanuel Danso

Glenn Pate John Murphy Gracelyn Stuart-Tuggle

Submitted by:

Glenn Pate, Scribe

c. Minutes Distribution List