

# PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE

## **CLUSTER AGENDA**

**Thursday, March 22, 2012**

**1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Lake Worth Campus**

### **ITEM 1. Architecture Department needs to add a course to comply with FIU Architecture Program requirements.**

Data/data source: Lynn Trezise and Dharmesh Patel

Discussion: 2180 ARC: Intro to Digital Architecture will be added to comply with 3D Modeling course objectives. This course will introduce software relevant in the current job market – Autocad, Rhino, Photoshop and possibly Google Sketch Up. The class is limited to architecture majors. More information will follow in regards to number of users, budgets, etc.

Action: Cluster was in full agreement for the adding of 2180ARC to the curriculum. The vote was unanimous.

### **ITEM 2. FYE Department requests faculty participation at the campus student convocations that will be held on Friday, Sep. 7. Faculty will be part of the procession and will wear their graduation regalia. The FYE department understands that this event is not a contractual event but it is a great opportunity to welcome our new incoming freshman students.**

Discussion: This would benefit our students and give us an opportunity to discuss our programs but a shorter information session is suggested.

Action: Check in with cluster via email in the beginning of the Fall semester when we have more information to establish interest levels and scheduling availability from faculty.

### **ITEM 3: Dr. Sass will not approve a textbook change for ARH 1000 until the 3-year period for our current textbook is up.**

Discussion: Cluster is not happy with the response from the administration.

Compelling reason(s) for change:

- We have had a year of research, meetings and discussions regarding this text – including presentations from both publishers. Please see Fall 2011 Cluster notes for details.
- Cluster voted for the change and we stand by our original decision.

- Prebles is NOT a new textbook, simply a new edition of a textbook we have been using for approximately 10 years.
- The PGA campus Art Department has not ordered books yet for Fall 2012, this would inconvenience preparation for their adjuncts, bookstore, etc.

Continued rational for textbook change:

\*\*\*- *ArtForms* textbook eliminated foundation material within their “Elements of Art and Design” chapters making this source unreliable.

- *Gateways* has current online resources that are fantastic for new students.
- *Gateways* is a cheaper alternative for the student.
- PGA campus never had a chance to fully adopt the 10<sup>th</sup> ed *ArtForms* and they have not ordered it yet for the Fall. Their adjuncts have been using older editions up to this point.

- LW campus students are still using 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> ed. as well
- *Gateways* covers all of the elements of Art and Design.

Action: Cluster vote: 10 to 1 to ask Dr. Sass to again review the rationale for the new textbook.

**ITEM 4: FAU is no longer requiring ARH1000 for their BFA/BA Studio Art degree but is requiring Art History I and 2. Effective 2014.**

Discussion: This will possibly decrease our sections of ARH1000, as studio art majors will be taking Art History 1 and 2, but a majority of ARH1000 students are general education students.

Action: None required at this time.

**Attendance:** Susan Urbanek, Samantha Salzinger, Dharmesh Patel, Vernon Grant, Zenaida Espinosa, Jacques De Beaufort, Sandra Williams, Nazare Feliciano, Kristin Hopkins, Lynn Trezise. Absent: Sherry Stephens.

Submitted by, scribe: Kristin M. Hopkins 3/28/12