

PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE

MINUTES

Joint Cluster: Prep and Credit Mathematics
Wednesday, October 26, 2010, 1:30 pm
TC 106, Lake Worth

ATTENDANCE:

Ames, Bob	Cox, Eugenia	Jahn, George	Rosenthal, Ira
Aryal, Anit	Domnitch, Jay	Joseph, Mauvlette	Ruffin, Derrick
Brown, Ralston	Doran, Eileen	Knysh, Nataliya	Siassi, Tony
Burkett, Gail	Graziose, Jim	Langston, Marie	Simms, David
Bush, Chris	Hamadeh, Dana	Librun, Witny	Sullivan, Clark
Butler, Reginald	Hamlin, Allen	Pain, Karen	Talebi, Mike
Campbell, Janette	Heath, Laura	Pena-Lopez, Jessica	Thomasson, Gary
Chan, Kenny	Hitchcock, Sue	Piccolino, Anthony	Wilson, Rose

ITEM 1. Polo shirts available

Discussion: Sue Hitchcock asked for feedback regarding math-specific title to be included with College logo on math department polo shirts. Cost will be \$24 for men's/women's sizes through XL; \$26 for 2XL to 6XL. Shirts can be ordered through Sue.

Action: Preferences for title on shirt should be emailed to Sue as soon as possible. She will place order for department.

ITEM 2: Tracking student success

Discussion: Roy Boulware reminded everyone that we can use the interactive report form developed by IRE track the success of our student cohorts to see how well they are doing in subsequent courses. David Edmonds can be contacted if sections do not load automatically. Link to the report is:
(<https://dwreports.pbcc.edu/ReportServer/Pages/ReportViewer.aspx?%2fInstitutionalEffectiveness%2fPublic%2fCohortTrackingGradeDistribution>).

Action: The cluster is encouraged to use the interactive reporting tool to monitor the success of students each semester.

ITEM 3: New placement test

Discussion: Gail Burkett reported that the new state placement exam (PERT) is being implemented this week at two institutions, with implementation planned here for next summer. She and Janette Campbell previewed the plan about two years ago; Gail has remained involved throughout the process. She reported that the test bank items are good, but

raised concerns about the cut-off scores. At present, there is no way to use PERT to determine placement above college algebra so the cluster may want to begin thinking about an internal secondary test or diagnostic. The College has no intention as of now to use one. Gail also reported that the state is also heavily reviewing implementation of modular course-work in developmental math.

Action: The cluster is encouraged to begin consideration of a secondary means of placement for upper level courses.

ITEM 4: New workshops introduced in Lake Worth campus math lab

Discussion: Dana Hamadeh reported that the LW Math Lab has recently developed a series of topic-based workshops for students in all levels. The workshops are called SwIM, which stands for Supplemental Workshops in Mathematics. Schedule and topic reminders are being emailed to instructors on the LW campus each week.

Action: Lake Worth instructors are encouraged to remind their students of workshop availability.

ITEM 5: Math Awareness Week

Discussion: Sue Hitchcock spoke on behalf of Ana Porro, reminding the cluster about math Awareness Week. It is not currently scheduled, but events in past years have been held on all campuses during the first week in April.

Action: Cluster members are encouraged to consider what they might contribute in the way of presenting or promoting events to students.

Gail Burkett adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Submitted by:
Karen Pain, Scribe