

# PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE

**MATHEMATICS CLUSTER AGENDA**  
**Tuesday, March 19, 2013**  
**1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Lake Worth Campus**

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**ITEM 1. Math Awareness Week – Apr. 1 – 4**  
**Theme: Mathematics Sustainability**

Three campuses reported that they are ready  
No report from Bell Glade

**ITEM 2. Report on Textbook adoption**

In an effort to keep cost low, most textbooks committees decided to stay with the current adoption and the current edition. This will facilitate the purchasing of used textbooks on-line and/or through other means.

For MAT 1033 (Intermediate Algebra), the cluster voted down the idea of a custom text which, in actuality, consists of the same cover and content minus two chapters that are not covered in the course. That would have been a saving of nearly \$90 for the students. Hence, the textbook for MAT 1033 is still pending.

**ITEM 3. Adjuncts Teaching online classes. (B. Sharp)**

Prof. Sharp who is the department chair at the Boca campus wanted to know whether it is okay to have Adjunct Faculty teach online classes.

Discussion: It is okay for them to teach provided that they are the proper credentials. They can not, however, develop these classes. They can ask their respective department chairs who will bring it to the cluster for approval.

A greater discussion was around the sites where the exams must be administered for on-line classes. The cluster moves to require that all on-line math classes must give their exams in a proctored, verifiable environment starting Fall 2013.

Thirteen professors voted in favor while four voted against citing impingement on their academic freedom. The motion passed but enforcement remains an issue.

**ITEM 4. Rename Matrix Theory Dr. Piccolino)**

Dr. proposed to change the name of the course MAS 2103 from Matrix Theory to Linear Algebra since it is the name used by most Colleges and Universities. All but one of the remaining attendees for in favor.

**In Attendance**

Jim Graziose, Tony Piccolino, Chris Bush, Kathryn Thomasson, Jessica Pena-Lopez, Jermaine Gordon, Laura Heath, Robert Ames, Gary Thomasson, Ira Rosenthal, Tony Siasi, Roy Boulware, David Simms, Sue Hitchcock, Barbara Sharp, Pat Toohey, Joe Pick, Mike Talebi, Eugenia Cox, Mike Manesh, Garfield Basant, Marie A. Langston. Tim Siniscalchi, George Jahn, Witny librun

**General Discussion**