



**POLITICAL SCIENCE/GEOGRAPHY CLUSTER
MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2009
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Lake Worth Campus**

Prior to beginning their meeting, cluster members met with the full Social Sciences cluster.

ITEM 1. Please review your cluster's courses on the new course outlines database at <http://www.pbcc.edu/x17364.xml>. Please check the information that was submitted from your cluster.

Discussion: Cluster members reviewed the course outlines for all classes in the Political Science and Geography areas, including POS1001, POS1041, POS2112, INR2002, CPO2002 and GEA1000.

Data/data source: (where appropriate): Course outlines data base at web address listed above.

Action: Cluster members unanimously agreed that the course outlines for all classes in the Political Science and Geography areas were correctly updated.

ITEM 2. Textbooks for Spring and future terms.

Discussion: Cluster members discussed textbook possibilities, particularly for POS1001 (Introduction to Political Science) and GEA1000 (Geography and Conservation). They noted that they would consider switching to a new Political Science text in the future because the newest edition of Roskin's *Political Science: An Introduction* has become more expensive and more condensed than past editions. They also discussed possibilities for Geography and Conservation, since the new edition of the current text will be available next month.

Data/data source: (where appropriate) Various Political Science and World/Regional Geography texts.

Action: The cluster unanimously agreed to continue reviewing textbooks that would be appropriate for POS1001 and to move to the new (14th) edition of deBlij and Muller's *Realms, Regions and Concepts* for GEA1000 for the Spring 2010 term.

ITEM 3. Cluster Chair and Scribe.

Discussion: Cluster members discussed the cluster chair and scribe positions.

Data/data source: (where appropriate) None.

Action: The cluster unanimously agreed that Shari MacLachlan would remain as cluster chair and scribe for the current academic year.

OTHER. **None.**

Attendance: Victor Aikhionbare
Andrew Luma
Shari MacLachlan
(Terry Randolph was attending the National Collegiate Honors Council in Washington, D.C.)

Submitted by:

Shari L. MacLachlan, Scribe

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