PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE

POLITICAL SCIENCE/GEOGRAPHY CLUSTER MINUTES
Thursday, March 22, 2012
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Lake Worth Campus

Before separating, the Political Science/Geography Cluster met first with the full Social Sciences Cluster.

ITEM 1. **Natural Science and Social Science clusters only –** Openstax is an initiative to provide open source free textbooks for college classes. The first five titles to be released in the next year are: 1. Physics 2. Sociology 3. Biology 4. Concepts of Biology 5. Anatomy & Physiology.

Please indicate if the cluster is interested in examining these textbooks for adoption. You may join the organization at openstaxcollege.org. The books are peer-reviewed and backed by top of the line supporting materials. This initiative has the potential to save students thousands of dollars.

Discussion: Since there isn't a political science title included in those released, this item didn't seem to apply to our cluster so little or no discussion took place.

Data/data source: information presented at social science cluster meeting

Action: No action.

ITEM 2. The FYE department requests faculty participation at the campus student convocations that will be held on Friday, September 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: Cluster members did not have enough information about what participation at this event would entail in order to make a decision. In the absence of more information, cluster members were reluctant to commit.

Data/data source: information presented at social science cluster meeting

Action: No action.

ITEM 3. Honors International Relations (INR2002) Class

Discussion: Terry Randolph requested and received approval to develop an Honors version of INR2002, which will entail adding appropriate learning outcomes to the standard course outcomes and completing the curriculum addition forms.

Data/data source: discussion in political science cluster meeting

Action: Once the additional Honors learning outcomes are developed, the course specifications and curriculum addition forms will be circulated to members of the cluster for approval before submitting them to the college Curriculum Committee.

Attendance: Victor Aikhionbare Andrew Luma Terry Randolph

Submitted by:

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Terry Randolph, Scribe

c. Minutes Distribution List