



POLITICAL SCIENCE/GEOGRAPHY

CLUSTER MINUTES

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Lake Worth Campus

ITEM 1. What specific measures has your faculty instituted to reduce the incidence of plagiarism? Has the faculty noticed that plagiarism is increasing among students?

Discussion: This discussion was conducted with members of the full Social Science cluster. Cluster Liaison Leonard Bruton compiled all information for submittal.

Data/data source: (where appropriate): clusteragenda102710.doc

Action: Political Science/Geography cluster members unanimously concurred with the conclusions reached by the full cluster.

ITEM 2. Textbooks for Introduction to American Government (POS1041)

Discussion: Cluster members discussed the need to make decisions about textbooks for POS1041, since midterm elections this year will result in new textbook editions and less availability of older editions.

Data/data source: (where appropriate): Various American Government textbooks.

Action: Cluster members unanimously agreed on the following texts:

Professors MacLachlan and Randolph and the adjuncts on all campuses will continue to use *Essentials of American Government: Roots and Reform*, 2009 Edition (Ninth Edition), by Karen O'Connor, Larry J. Sabato & Ali Yanus. New York: Pearson/Longman. ISBN: 0205-66283-8 and ISBN-13: 978-0-20566283-8, and students will be encouraged to buy a lower-cost, used text.

For students unable to find a used copy or who must buy their book from the campus bookstores, a custom, unbound version of the same text will be available for use at the college. It will carry the same title, but will be designated as "Custom Edition for Palm Beach State College" and will have different ISBNs: 0558-91674-0 and ISBN-13: 978-0-55891674-9

Professor Aikhionbare will use *Open to Debate: An Introduction to U.S. Government and Politics*, Third Edition, by Joseph Braunwarth, et al, National Social Science Press. ISBN-13: 978-1-93630609-1

Professor Luma will continue to use *Understanding American Government*, by Luma, et al, Sixth Edition, Horizon Publishing. 2010. ISBN: 1-60229-132-2

Attendance:

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