

CLUSTER AGENDA
Thursday, March 22, 2012
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Lake Worth Campus

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: The cluster discussed Openstax. Presently, there are no textbooks available for review. The cluster is open to reviewing the textbooks offered by Openstax when they become available.

Data/data source: (where appropriate)

Action: Everyone agreed to consider Openstax textbooks when they become available

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: The cluster members discussed attendance at the student convocation would be voluntarily/optional. Everyone was supportive of both suggestions made during the general cluster meeting.

- a. If both the faculty and student convocations were combined whereby, instead of having two convocations there would be a joint convocation faculty would be more willing to attend
- b. If the student convocation is campus based we would be open to participating in the student convocation

Data/data source: (where appropriate)

Action:

OTHER. The cluster discussed class enrollment rates and courses that will be offered in the Fall semester.

Attendance:

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c. Minutes Distribution List