

Speech Communication Meeting Minutes
Speech Communication
October 19, 2011
1:00 -4:00 P.M. scheduled time of meeting
Lake Worth Campus- Room: BA 109

ITEM 1. Introduction

Discussion: Mark Kattoura, an adjunct faculty member from the North Campus, was introduced to the cluster.

Data/data source: None

Action: The cluster welcomed him to the meeting.

ITEM 2. Minutes

Discussion: The minutes from the March 24, 2011 meeting were reviewed.

Data/data source: Speech Communication Cluster Minutes dated March 24, 2011

Action: The following changes were made:

- Under Item One Discussion the date was changed from “October, 27th, 2011” to “October 27, 2011”
- Under Item Two C Action “Dian Bifano” was changed to “Diane Bifano”

After making the above two changes, Dave Childers moved to approve the minutes and Marcie Pachter seconded the motion. It unanimously passed.

ITEM 3. District Wide Textbook Adoption Agreement

Discussion: Victor Gent reminded the cluster that Diane Bifano was to coordinate with Cengage Learning regarding New Product Agreement for our district wide textbook adoption.

Data/data source: Speech Communication Cluster Minutes dated March 24, 2011

Action: Dave Childers agreed to follow up with Diane Bifano and inform the cluster as to the status of the agreement.

ITEM 4. Cluster Funds

Discussion: David Childers reported that Cengage Learning deposited a check for \$445.00 into the Speech Cluster Foundation Account.

Data/data source: Copy of Deposit Slip

Action: Lori Crane agreed to inquire as to the balance of that account and to share the current balance with the cluster members.

Note: In an email from David Childers on November 8, 2011 to the Speech Cluster he wrote, "Got a message from Diane that the balance in our Speech Cluster account is \$12,594.63."

ITEM 5. Each cluster must reflect on the roundtable discussions and indicate the three best/most useful ideas heard at the roundtable.

Discussion: A variety of approaches to foster Critical Thinking skills in our students were discussed.

They include:

- Providing students with a scenario or situation.

- Engaging students with a series of real world issues that they answer intrapersonally, in small groups, and in large groups.

- Utilizing the Socratic method of questioning students as they search for 'truth'

- Critiquing an issue through the evaluation of articles which examines both sides of an issue.

- Discussing what critical thinking means and what critical thinkers can do.

- Engaging students through small group discussions while applying rubrics to the groups and assessing the group's success.

- Concept Mapping with students

Data/data source: None

Action: None

ITEM 6. Peggy Raker Speech Contest

Discussion: Steve Frishman expressed concerns regarding the current format of the Peggy Raker Speech Contest. A variety of models could be utilized and a discussion ensued as to other potential formats for the contest.

Data/data source: None

Action: Steve Frishman entered a motion that we engage in an online discussion to explore possible new formats for the annual speech competition with a decision on the model to be implemented by January 15, 2012. The motion was seconded by Lori Crane and it passed unanimously. Dave Childers agreed to chair the online discussion.

ITEM 7. Sponsor a Speaker

Discussion: Leonie Escoffery mentioned Cengage Learning expressed an interest in sponsoring an event in Nancy Levin's memory.

Data/data source: None

Action: Marcie Pachter entered a motion that Leonie Escoffery work with Cengage to sponsor a guest speaker in Nancy Levin's memory. Joe Millas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ITEM 8. Other Items

Discussion: Liz Martin announced that the Beachcomber is now out in stands on the various campuses and can be accessed online at www.beachcombermedia.com

Steve Frishman stated that Bobette Wolesensky is transferring to the North Campus and as a result a full-time position will be available on the South Campus.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lori Crane, seconded by Marcie Pachter and passed unanimously

Data/data source: None

Action: None

OTHER.

Attendance:	David Childers, Cluster Chair	Lori Crane, Cluster Scribe	Leonie Escoffery
Steve Frishman	Victor Gent	S. Lizbeth Martin	Joe Millas
Marcie Pachter	Mark Kattoura, guest		

Submitted by:

Lori Crane
Lori Crane, Scribe

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