



## **CLUSTER MEETING MINUTES**

**English for Academic Purposes**

**January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**9:30 AM**

**BA 303**

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### **ITEM 1. TESTING**

**Discussion:** Consider changing the placement exam from the Compass to the LOEP.

**Data/data source:** Compass is un-normed test source. Many students have been turned away because the Compass places students into the foundation program, and we don't offer that course work. Broward and Hillsborough use the LOEP, which is a better placement tool. There are already normed testing cut scores. Geared towards 1.5 generation. The test is part of Accu-Placer and would be more cost-effective.

**Action:** We will change our language testing instrument to the LOEP. Mike Sfiropoulos will contact Debra Jackson to get the change started. The PERT will be used to exempt EAP students all together.

### **ITEM 2. NEW TESTING EFFECT ON EAP OFFERINGS**

**Discussion:** Based on data from the testing center provided by Debra Jackson, we are showing a loss of roughly 1500 students who are turned away for various reasons. For example, they place into the foundation program, but we no longer offer those courses.

**Data/data source:** (where appropriate)

**Action:** The cluster will create a course matrix that reflects program needs. This matrix will be sent to Dean Susan Bierster for approval.

### **ITEM 3. PROGRAM REVISION/ CURRICULUM ACTION**

**Discussion:** The cluster discussed program revision based on the number of students who have been turned away and the needs of the international student population. This is a follow-up to the discussion we had with Francklin Laborde, Ed Mueller, Ginger Pedersen, and Susan Bierster.

**Data/data source:** (where appropriate)

Action: The cluster will complete course reactivation forms and course addition forms and submit them by the January 9<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**OTHER. Cluster unanimously approved all discussions and actions above.**

**Attendance:**

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