

CLUSTER AGENDA

March 24, 2016

1:30 – 3:30pm

Lake Worth Campus

ITEM 1. How can your cluster support textbook affordability? Please provide your top three recommendations. Also, list initiatives underway such as open source textbooks, out of copyright materials, textbook rentals, etc.

Discussion: 1) Selecting lower cost titles
2) Selecting texts that can be used for multiple course levels
3) Refraining from updating editions of textbooks as long as possible, unless there is substantive change.

Data source:

Action: Discussion

ITEM 2. *FOR CLUSTERS THAT HAVE GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES*

As a cluster, please discuss the data provided to your chair and answer the questions below. Your cluster discussion should be included in the minutes if you are able to answer the questions today. If sub-committees are formed for follow-up, please enter that information in the minutes and submit any decisions made after today to IRE by April 29, 2016 (send email to Karen Pain at paink@palmbeachstate.edu).

Questions to answer in cluster or follow-up work by April 29, 2016

1. How do your current cycle results indicate your assessment instrument is measuring your selected outcome **and** that you have selected a reasonable benchmark?
2. In reflecting on this process and results, what changes might be necessary to the outcomes, instruments, implementation, or benchmarks for any of your courses, in order to move forward in a meaningful way?

Discussion: 1. *How do your current cycle results indicate your assessment instrument is measuring your selected outcome **and** that you have selected a reasonable benchmark?*

Our assessment instrument, analysis papers, require the application of an understanding of central concepts within each discipline. This effort is central to the course objectives in these courses. As such, the results continue to be consistent with past cycles.

2. *In reflecting on this process and results, what changes might be necessary to the outcomes, instruments, implementation, or benchmarks for any of your courses, in order to move forward in a meaningful way?*

Our instrument, the analysis paper, is such a basic educational component that the best way to increase performance would be to address preparation for the course, or college readiness in general.

Data/data source: (where appropriate)

Action: Discussion

OTHER.

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