

CLUSTER MINUTES
August 20, 2014
10:45am – 12noon
Lake Worth Campus, DT 105

- ITEM 1.** Over the past two-three years, there has been an increase in the number of instances in academic dishonesty. Because there is not one standard college policy that clearly identifies the student consequence for academic dishonesty, more issues seem to increase in the equitable treatment of students. Therefore, we are requesting that each discipline/program cluster develop one standard policy for the consequence of academic dishonesty. The policy should be approved by the cluster by the October 15 Development Day, for time to have appropriate review by the college General Counsel and inclusion in the 2015-16 Student Handbook and Catalog.

Discussion:

The Health and Nutrition cluster discussed having a uniform policy. The following policy was proposed:

“The consequences for any academic dishonesty performed by the student will be a zero for the assignment/lab/exam, or possible failure/withdrawal from the course at the discretion of the professor”.

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Action:

- ITEM 2.** Challenges as a Tier 3 Science course and strategies to increase enrollment.

Discussion: The health faculty expressed concern for a potential enrollment decline in the general education courses due to the changes in the general education requirements. The future role of adjuncts was discussed. Creative class scheduling was examined and monitoring enrollment across campuses to make sure that the full time faculty meet their course loads. Professor Taylor discussed the potential opportunity to partner with area high schools to offer a health certificate.

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Action:

Cluster will continue to communicate each semester across campuses in regards to student enrollment in the Health Courses and adjust scheduling with respective department chairs accordingly. Professor Taylor will research further the potential for partnering opportunities with area high school and the cluster will discuss it further at Development Day.

ITEM 3. Common Assessment.

Discussion: Dr. Van Der velde discussed the connection of the common assessment with the course learning outcomes. The cluster discussed implementation of the common assessment to ensure consistency across campuses. Professor Ciucci will share her peer-reviewed journal database, as well as any APA and academic integrity support documents assist the students successfully completing the Common Assessment.

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Action:

ITEM 4. Textbook Adoption.

Discussion: The HSC 1101 and 2100 textbook are up for adoption at the end of this academic year. Open Source Books were discussed.

Data/data source:

Action: Professor Taylor will research the feasibility of the Open Source books and bring information to Development Day cluster meeting.

OTHER.

The Health cluster welcomed new health faculty member, Kanathy Haney.

Professor Gailey discussed the funding is available to use for community health initiatives, such as Health Expo. Professor Gailey will approach the Lake Worth Health committee to discuss need and interest.

Attendance:

Brian Findley, Chair

Paula Myslivecek

Tracy Ciucci

Randy Gailey

Kanathy Haney

Bob Rajcoomar

Kristy Taylor

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