



POLITICAL SCIENCE/GEOGRAPHY CLUSTER MINUTES

October 15, 2014

1 – 4 p.m.

Lake Worth Campus

Before separating, the Political Science/Geography Cluster met first with the full Social Sciences Cluster.

ITEM 1. Textbook Discussion and Presentation of Revel e-book.

Discussion: Cluster members discussed Spring and Summer 2015 textbook adoptions, noting that the book currently in use for POS1041 (Introduction to American Government) is coming out in new edition after the November midterm elections.

Jennifer Stevens, representative from Pearson Publishing, presented details about the new e-book called Revel, which will launch in January. Cluster members expressed interest in Revel because it provides students an electronic and interactive reading experience at a reasonable cost with no need for purchase of a printed book. Revel is continuously updated electronically, but its ISBN remains the same year to year, thus eliminating the need to change textbook editions. Cluster members noted that they weren't ready to adopt Revel immediately but would consider it for future terms. Revel is still undergoing its initial startup and does not yet fully integrate with Blackboard, though this compatibility is expected in the future.

It is anticipated that Revel will also be available soon for the POS1001 (Introduction to Political Science) textbook, and cluster members may consider Revel adoption for this course as well.

Data/data source: Pearson's Revel demo. website

Action: Cluster members unanimously decided to continue their research about Revel but for now will maintain use of the same textbook (O'Connor, Sabato and Yanus' *Essentials of American Government*, 2012 Election Edition) for POS1041 for Spring and Summer 2015 for the full-time faculty and adjuncts currently using it.

OTHER. None

Attendance: Victor Aikhionbare, Andrew Luma, Shari MacLachlan, Terry Randolph and guest Jennifer Stevens of Pearson Publishers.

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c. Minutes Distribution List