

**CLUSTER AGENDA**

**January 4, 2016**

**9:30 AM**

**SS 116**

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**ITEM. Addition of Human Services classes in the South Campus**

Discussion: Faculty was surprised and confused by this proposal, due to the fact that it has not been discussed with the Department Chair of the Human Services (HS) department, the Psychology and HS faculty, or the Associate Dean of Social Sciences, before its presentation in the cluster for discussion. Faculty thinks that it is crucial for the wellbeing of the college, the students, and the existing academic programs; to be included in the discussion and analysis of expanding or adding programs to other campuses before the proposal and the final decision of doing this, is made.

The proposal includes the possibility of teaching some of the HS program classes in the Boca Raton Campus. No time frame was provided.

These were the concerns of the cluster:

1. The Boca campus only has one professor with the credentials to teach those classes (being licensed to practice as a psychologist, Mental Health Counselor, or Social Worker). Therefore if the classes will be offered in the South Campus, they will have to be taught by adjunct faculty or through online classes taught by Lake Worth Campus Faculty.
2. The majority of the South Campus students are AA degree seeking students. The HS program is an AS program.
3. Will the South campus have the facilities (classroom space and time available) to teach these classes?
4. Is the South campus planning on hiring professors who can teach HS classes and who are licensed in their field?
5. Do we know for sure, that there is an interest in the South Campus area, to take classes in the Human Service program?
6. Will these HS classes' offerings affect the registration numbers in the Lake Worth Campus? Will the campuses be competing for students' enrollment?
7. Over 75% of the HS program courses are offered online, therefore there might not be a need to teach them in the Boca Campus as they are already available to that population.

Data/data source: (where appropriate)

Action: No action was taken.

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Discussion:

Data/data source: (where appropriate)

Action:

**OTHER.**

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