

General Members Forum

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Facilitated by Colleen Wade.

Q. Are we going to have Approaches to Learning as a FLIBS workshop in June?

A. It is not showing up. It will be Nov. 30-Dec. 3, 2016. WATCH FOR REGISTRATION to open soon. Category 3. Check your tri-fold September meeting. It is not currently on the site.

Q. Students are coming back from UF saying they are low on Gordon Rule words. Is anyone else running into this?

A. Mike Smith thinks UF is specific about what credits counts towards the Gordon Rule and what doesn't. Email Colleen if you are having trouble with kids not getting credit for ENC 1101 and/or words at UF. Karen says there is a link to Credit by Exam on the DOE site. This is not a suggestion, it is what the Board of Governor mandates for SUS schools. Give your graduates a copy of the credit by exam packet on the last day of exams. You can Google FLDOE Articulation Credit by Exam for an updated version. If you have specific issues, you can email Colleen or Karen.

Q. How many of us use Turnitin.com? And, how do you pay for it?

A. Now it has to be the whole school that joins in. Someone just was able to get three teacher licenses. She got 150 uploads per teacher. You can negotiate with your representative. It's about \$5/student and you have to pay for the whole school. Does anybody use something other than turnitin.com? Roger Tangney uses youplaig and it's not as thorough. One district said the schools can't use it because the CA privacy laws do not mesh with the FL laws. IB uses turnitin.com. One district provides SafeAssign through Blackboard, but it is not as effective. Mike Smith says UT did a test on turnitin and they missed a ton of plagiarism and also got a lot of false positives.

Q. A brilliant kid wants to do Computer Science but no teacher on campus can do it. Can someone else help so long as you have an onsite person? Yes. Person on campus has to sign off.

Q. How have people transitioned out of hours and how are you measuring it?

A. Some people measure by months. Trainers keep saying they are not counting hours. Students are required to do X number of outcomes per month and their reflections must refer back to Learning Outcomes. Bright Futures web site says that IB students who complete CAS meet the requirements for Bright Futures.

Q. Has anyone found a consolidated list of what has to be uploaded for May 2016? Yes, it is in the Sept. issue of Coordinator's Notes. Everyone should check. Page 3 is a clear chart. Managebac is offering integration for ecoursework. Do it early. Check for an email from Managebac.

Q. Give Kids the World is the name of the charity we have adopted as a group.

There is a new free way for kids to keep track of their fundraising called the Philanthropy Project.

The February program is going to be an examiner panel. We are still looking for examiners in Group 3. Email Colleen. June will be CAS presentation.

Q. What is everyone using for eligibility requirements? 50th percentile on FSA, GPA, # of high school credits, attendance, behavior. Some counties are regulating the process.