

**University of South Florida St. Petersburg
Campus Board Meeting
January 9, 2009**

Issue: USF St. Petersburg Advanced Placement Summer Institute

Proposed Action: Information Only

Background information:

ADVANCED PLACEMENT* SUMMER INSTITUTE – FAST FACTS

- Florida’s AP* programs are robust and successful.
 - For the third year in a row, from 2007 to 2008 Florida had the greatest one-year increase in the number of public school AP*-exam takers when compared to all other states.
 - For the third year in a row, Florida had the greatest increase in the number of African-American public school AP*-exam takers when compared to all other states from 2007 to 2008.
 - Florida had the third greatest increase in the number of Hispanic public school AP*-exam takers when compared to all other states from 2007 to 2008.
 - Florida had the greatest increase in the number of public school AP* exams and the third greatest increase in the number of students receiving grades of 3-5 when compared to all other states from 2007 to 2008.
- The Pinellas County School District (PCSD) approached USFSP to form a partnership to train AP* teachers (and teachers wanting to start teaching at the AP* level) through an AP*Summer Institute approved by the College Board. PCSD wants to dramatically expand its AP* offerings in high schools and does not have enough trained teachers to do that. In fact, many current AP* teachers are likely to retire over the next 5 years.
- With our PCSD partners, we developed and submitted a successful proposal to the College Board and will host our first AP*Summer Institute, “MAP*ping a Path to Excellence”, during the week of June 15-19, 2009.
- Courses will be offered in 8 subject areas:
 - Economics (macro and micro combined)
 - English Language and Composition
 - English Literature and Composition
 - Environmental Science
 - Psychology
 - Statistics
 - Studio Art

- World History
 - Courses will be led by nationally-recognized AP* teacher-leaders and USFSP faculty will have opportunities to participate as guest speakers.
 - Enrollments in each course cannot exceed 30 participants. Thus, with full enrollment (which we expect), we will have 240 teachers who come from Pinellas, all of Florida and from around the nation. These teachers can become our best recruiters!
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Workgroup Review: None

Supporting documentation: None

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