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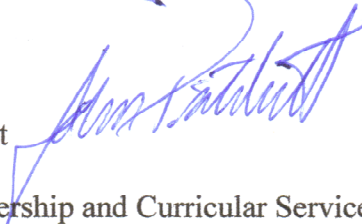*www.fauvolunteer.org*

M e m o r a n d u m

TO: FAU Faculty

FROM: John Pritchett
             University Provost

SUBJECT: Community Partnership and Curricular Service-Learning

DATE: February 14, 2007

Florida Atlantic University and Palm Beach Community College will be hosting a workshop titled
Bridging our Colleges and Community through Civic Engagement and Curricular Service-Learning.

Come and engage in workshops on Service-Learning and Community-Based Participatory Research.
The workshops will introduce these teaching strategies to participants and will then take participants
through curriculum integration activities that will include issues related to academic rigor, student
motivation, assessment, as well as how these teaching strategies may be used to help with tenure and
promotion. The faculty workshops will take place as a part of a broader Community Partnership
Workshop and will provide faculty with various opportunities to connect with local community-serving
organizations.

Service-Learning is generally defined as a teaching method that uses community involvement to apply
theories or skills being taught in a course. Service-learning furthers the objectives of the academic
course and addresses community needs as students participate in their service activities. Students are
evaluated by how effectively they are able to connect and display course content to class assignments
associated with the service project.

Community-based participatory research is a process that involves community members or recipients
of interventions in all phases of the research process, including (1) identifying the issues of concern to
the community; (2) developing assessment tools; (3) collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data; (4)
determining how data can be used to inform actions to improve the community; (5) creating the research
designs; (6) designing, implementing, and evaluating interventions; and (7) disseminating findings.

The workshop is hosted by Florida Campus Compact and FAU Volunteer Center and will take place on
Friday, February 23rd in the Majestic Palm Room from 9 am to 12 pm (registration and breakfast will
begin at 8:30am). Please RSVP to Monica Jara at mjara1@fau.edu or 561-297-3607 by Wednesday,
February 21st.