

TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

Monday, November 13, 2023

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Milner 614A, Conference Room

Agenda

Members Attending: Tyvell Washington, Julie Murphy, Sally Nadeau, Ross Vancil, Mallory Jallas, Lisa Lawless, Joe Hendrix

Guests Attending: N/A

Members Absent: Antonio Causarano, Stephanie Duquette

Call to Order: 1:59pm

Action Items:

1. Review and approve [draft minutes from October meeting](#)
 - a. Julie moves to approve, Sally seconds, minutes are approved
2. Determine December meeting time – Friday, December 8th 10-11am

Information Items:

1. [FY23 Committee Annual Report](#)- submitted to Academic Senate
2. Academic Senate is putting our request to share the survey results on the agenda for the Executive Committee – Jallas will follow up when more information is available
3. Textbook Donation program with SGA – meeting scheduled 11/29 at 10am
4. E-textbooks are in process, money expended, and books ordered for Spring 2024
 - a. 197 new textbooks purchased and 257 previously purchased books still active

Discussion Items:

1. Student survey results
 - a. Murphy pulled preliminary results from Qualtrics over summer: [Preliminary Student Survey Report.docx](#)
 - b. Report forthcoming – prioritize 2019 results to current before divide & conquer
 - c. Points for discussion
 - i. Delaying textbook purchases at start of the semester
 1. Expectation vs. Reality
 2. How can faculty address this in class
 3. Potential opportunity to examine syllabi and textbook usage – student success angle or scholarship of teaching & learning
 - ii. Not purchasing due to cost of textbook vs 2019 results
 1. <https://financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/paying/2023-2024-undergraduate/>
 - iii. Use of credit cards
 - iv. Not learning from textbooks vs 2019 results
 - v. Ebooks/access codes vs physical textbooks vs 2019 results
 - vi. Open responses have a lot of compelling content
2. Upcoming Conversation with bookstore
 - a. Ideas for discussion questions:
 - i. What's going well/need for improvements
 - ii. Store accessibility – how many students are going downstairs vs delivery

- iii. Opportunities for partnerships related to affordability
 - 1. Our surveys confirm that cost is driving student choices
 - iv. What are their major channels of communication and topics (what is an access code?)
 - v. Receiving textbook adoptions in a timely manner
 - vi. Delaying textbook purchase – no used copies, etc.
 - vii. What is the average cost of textbooks for specific majors/programs?
3. Announcements/Miscellaneous:

Adjournment: 2:56pm