

TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

Friday, January 19, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Milner 614A, Conference Room

Agenda

Members Attending:

Guests Attending:

Members Absent:

Call to Order:

Action Items:

1. Determine minute taker – Jallas, Lawless, and Nadeau have served so far
2. Review and approve [draft minutes from December meeting](#)
3. Determine February meeting time

Information Items:

1. No update from Academic Senate Chair about student textbook survey presentation timeline
2. Textbook Donation program updates
3. Follow up conversation with Redbird Spirit Shop and Milner about eTextbooks after last TAC meeting

Discussion Items:

1. Preview exploring options to integrate more information about textbooks for first time in college students
 - a. University College (Corey Burgess, Ryan Downing, & Allison Ehrnthaller) met with Mallory and Joe to initially discuss this topic on 1/11/24
 - b. Summer 2024 ideas
 - i. Content ideas: information about course material options in 2024 generally (physical books, ebooks, platform access, etc.), providing context to common messages about delaying textbook purchases, and broad overview of available textbook sources
 - ii. Formats:
 1. Increased information about course materials in Preview communications to students and families
 2. Course materials presentation during Preview program. Corey identified available timeslot between 11:30-12:30 on day 2 of Preview.
 3. Information about course materials available in central web location
 - c. What does the committee think of this opportunity? Would folks be able to contribute to development of content and/or presentation at Preview?
2. Committee's spring plans
 - a. Faculty textbook survey
 - b. Any follow up from bookstore conversation in December?
3. Announcements/Miscellaneous

Adjournment: