

TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

Friday, January 19, 2024

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

Milner 614A, Conference Room

Agenda

Members Attending: Sally Nadeau, Mallory Jallas, Ross Vancil, Tyvell Washington, Joe Hendrix

Guests Attending:

Members Absent: Julie Murphy, Lisa Lawless, Antonio Cuasarano, Stephane Duquenne

Call to Order: 10:02

Action Items:

1. Determine minute taker – Jallas, Lawless, and Nadeau have served so far - Jallas
2. Review and approve [draft minutes from December meeting](#) - approved
3. Determine February meeting time
 - a. Monday, February 12, 3:30 pm

Information Items:

1. No update from Academic Senate Chair about student textbook survey presentation timeline
2. Textbook Donation program updates
 - a. Scheduling still in process
3. Follow up conversation with Redbird Spirit Shop and Milner about eTextbooks after last TAC meeting
 - a. Milner shared eTextbook list after meeting and met afterwards to share more specifics about the programming (fundings, how it works, ordering)
4. Etextbook funding moving forward
 - a. Applying for PIE grants for fall 2024
 - b. Donors are potential source for funds – exploring with advancement

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?
 - i. This seems like a good opportunity
 - ii. Developing content:
 - 1. Want to get feedback on any content from Redbird Spirit Shop, Registrar, Financial Aid – how funds can be used/not used for course materials (maybe Lisa can offer perspective on this)
 - a. Development of an FAQ or contact for specific questions
 - 2. Preview guides – share content with them, and participate in their training for the summer
 - 3. Future use of this information
 - a. Registrar text messages to new students
 - b. Winter Preview table or session
 - 4. Sally/Mallory will draft something for February meeting and share via Teams
 - 5. Mallory contacting Corey after today's meeting to confirm Preview schedule time
- 2. Committee's spring plans
 - a. Faculty textbook survey
 - i. Mallory/Julie - get the ball rolling
 - ii. Share draft questions at February meeting
 - iii. Potential timeline – distributing survey in late March/April
 - b. Any follow up from bookstore conversation in December?
 - i. Good feedback from the meeting – bookstore appreciated the conversation
 - ii. Student Affairs Council meeting – Redbird Spirit Shop joined for introductions and conversation
 - iii. Ribbon cutting for Redbird Spirit Shop on 2/14 @ Bone location
- 3. Announcements/Miscellaneous
 - a. New Scholarly Communications Librarian at Milner – starting, 7/1/2024 and likely will connect with this committee

Adjournment: 10:52