

TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

10:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.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: 10:06

Introductions:

1. Welcome new & returning folks
 - a. Who you are/what you do on campus/what your major is/connection to the committee

Action Items:

1. Review and approve [draft minutes from May 2023 meeting](#) - approved
2. Determine minutes taker

Information Items:

1. FY23 Committee Annual Report – still needs to be submitted to Academic Senate
2. Academic Senate is trying to find us one more faculty member to replace Prof. Lucey.

Discussion Items:

1. Elect committee chair
 - a. Jallas elected to serve
2. Elect secretary (or continue rotating minute taking?)
 - a. Committee will rotate this year
 - b. Lawless will cover next meeting
3. 2023-24 Meeting Schedule – what general meeting times work for folks?
 - a. General discussion – no a consistent time available
 - b. Committee decided to determine meeting time for next meeting at each meeting. Members will need to have calendars/availability at the ready
 - c. Determined next meeting would be Monday, 11/13 2-3pm, Milner Library, 614A
4. Goals/activities for FY2024
 - a. Previous ideas discussed:
 - i. Faculty textbook survey – spring 2024
 - ii. Updating committee website – related to survey and general update
 - iii. Promoting findings from student textbook survey
 1. Writing a report of the survey results – Jallas starts (pulls in Murphy when time allows)
 2. Presentation with some personalization to provide context for what students are experiencing

3. Getting on Academic Senate for spring- before textbook deadline (mid-February) - timing could serve to promote faculty textbook survey – Jallas will email Chair Horst
- iv. Book drive for students to share materials with other students – pass on materials – Lawless will coordinate meeting with Washington, Vancil, Karem Tasdan, and Taylor Daker
- v. Discussion with bookstore – Larry Ernat – and extend offer to Bob - Hendrix speaking with Larry about timing and participation
 1. December meeting seems like good option for this to provide us time to develop questions/agenda
 2. In preparation for this meeting, committee will discuss questions/materials to share in advance of conversation at November meeting

Announcements/Miscellaneous:

1. Hendrix: There is some lingering confusion about Bookstore name/signage/services at both locations. Alamo signage is an issue with Town of Normal that is being addressed. More signage and branding work will be coming forward.

Adjournment: 11:00am