

TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

Monday, February 13, 2023

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

[Milner Library 614A](#)

Agenda

Members Attending: Antonio Causarano, Taylor Daker, Joe Hendrix, Mallory Jallas, Tom Lucey, Julie Murphy, Sally Nadeau

Guests Attending: Carla Birckelbaw

Members Absent: Stephanie Duquette, Lisa Lawless, Morgan Taylor

Call to Order: 2:02

Action Items:

1. Review and approve [draft minutes from December 2022](#) (no quorum at January meeting) - minutes approved
2. Determine notetaker

Information Items:

1. Milner's eTextbook update
 - a. Funding options for 2023-24 – Milner is collaborating with Carla Birckelbaw on [a PIE Grant application through the Provost's Office](#) - applications are due 3/3
 - i. Hendrix asked - What's the funding history for Milner's project?
 - ii. Murphy shared that the project was originally funded with \$10,000 one-time grant funding, then Milner's collection budget, in spring 2022 Amelia Noel Elkins provided GEER I funds, and we've been using GEER II funding for the current year. Those funds will not be available for the 23-24 school year.

Discussion Items:

1. SGA & TAC Textbook swap/selling event for students
 - a. Kerem Tasdan joining us from SGA - Tasdan was unable to join at last minute
 - b. What kind of logistics would be needed for this type of event?
 - i. Daker shared that in some preliminary conversations, it seems like this textbook exchange swap event would be pushed to next year. We could promote and get information out at the affordability fair in March (3/22/23, Tasdan is coordinating the event)
 - ii. Daker also indicated that the ISU Share Shop has textbook program- we could reach out to them about their collection
 - c. Jallas will follow up with Daker and Tasdan about the textbook swap event and promoting information at affordability fair.
2. Student textbook survey
 - a. At our December meeting, we discussed gathering more/current data from students about textbook affordability.
 - b. The committee last ran the student survey in 2019
 - i. Here are the 2019 student survey questions: [2019StudentSurveyFinal.docx](#)

- ii. Here is the 2019 student survey report: [TACStudentSurveyReport.docx](#)
 - c. The Consortium of Academic Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) is planning to run a survey this spring for member institutions (ISU is a member) about textbook affordability and open educational resources.
 - i. Here is a draft of their questions: [Draft Questionnaire Illinois Course Materials Survey Student Perspective 221220.docx](#)
 - ii. This survey has hit a snag with IRB approval – might not be ready for implementation this spring
 - d. Do we want to pursue our own survey this semester? Or another option?
 - i. Committee is interested to administer this survey to have updated data
 - ii. Based on available information from last student survey this committee did- IRB was not done before the survey. The data went through IRB post-survey to be shared widely.
 - iii. Jallas: Would we like to do IRB?
 - 1. Hendrix- how would that impact timeline?
 - 2. Murphy- it could delay us, this would likely be exempt so it would pass through lowest level of review. There were some delays during the pandemic but things have leveled out.
 - 3. Birckelbaw- offered that they just did the process for another survey and it was quick, it was a renewal.
 - iv. Committee decides to move forward with IRB so we are able to share the data with our campus community and beyond. We plan to use the same questions. Murphy and Jallas will take the lead on the IRB and likely submit in late February/early March – will provide update at next meeting
 - e. Timeline – pushing for survey to be send later in the spring – likely in April. Timeline will be updated once IRB process moves forward.
3. Re-visiting communication plan
 - a. Last year’s committee [drafted a slidedeck that could be used for a brief presentation at faculty meetings about textbook affordability and resources.](#)
 - i. Murphy recently presented this with Danielle Futoran-Turos, Business Librarian at Milner, and this was shared at faculty meeting for COB – 10 minute presentation/5 questions, slide deck is shared
 - ii. Nadeau asked - how do departments know who there department librarian is? Murphy explains how the liaison structure works/with some variations. Liaisons are in communication with the entire department regularly
 - b. Considering audiences for textbook affordability information: faculty, staff (specifically advisors came up in a recent discussion), students
 - i. Daker offered reaching out to see if a SGA if we could present there – and share with student life senator to get it out to Greek life – the committee wants to try and time with the survey launch with this presentation to SGA so they can get message out about getting student feedback
 - ii. Nadeau - I think students can be main focus – gear it to the students, strategies for students textbook acquisition

- iii. Jallas – We could use [the textbook guide from Milner Library](#) as a tool, it is full of different resources
 - iv. Birckelbaw – Suggested we keep some elements of faculty situation so there is context for students to see the bigger picture
 - c. Possible addition to presentation: Lisa’s comment in Teams about adding in some data about the cost students are paying for some titles - MAT example
 - d. Jallas: How do we want to continue engaging faculty with this presentation?
 - i. Murphy- reaching out to departments through subject librarians seems like a good route.
4. Follow up from January message from student
 - a. Nadeau offered quick update that the textbook student was looking for assistance with was never entered in the Campus Solutions – when this is overlooked it is hard to address the student need
 - b. Murphy shared an anecdote about another faculty member not listing their textbook because they knew that Milner has it available – faculty still need to list their books no matter if they are in Milner or not.

Announcements/Miscellaneous:

- Daker - Would Academic Senate be a valuable resource to reach out to for getting the word out?
 - Murphy – It is good for getting word out to faculty
 - Jallas – It might make the most sense to make it a goal to present at Academic Senate next fall with student data from our survey
- Hendrix – brief bookstore vendor update – still waiting for administrative approval

Adjournment: 2:51

For next time: Invite Larry from Alamo II, Barnes and Noble – invite to March (postponed until further update about Bone Student Center bookstore vendor is available)