

TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

Monday, May 8, 2023

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

Milner Library 614A

Agenda

Members Attending: Joe, Lisa, Tom, Julie, Mallory

Guests Attending:

Members Absent: Taylor Daker

Call to Order: 2:06

Action Items:

1. Review and approve draft minutes from [April 2023 meeting](#) - approved

Information Items:

1. Campus bookstore update – license agreement still in process. Operational details are still getting sorted - potentially more information in the coming week and by Preview start date
2. SGA and TAC Fall 2023 Textbook swap Donation event
 - a. Met on 4/21
 - b. End of fall 2023 textbook swap event – partnering with the Office of Sustainability – Donation and collection events/spots for students to turn in materials and provide information for donation inventory. Students that donate would be eligible for textbook scholarship from Persistence Committee (scholarship includes access codes and textbooks).
 - c. Swap event would be a place for students “shop” donated books and identify available titles
 - d. Would like to connect with bookstore about this event to share goals and SGA interest
 - e. Donation opportunities targeting drop/withdraw date
 - f. Recycling grassroots writing journal space
 - g. Appeal for second semester seniors or students going into student teaching
 - i. Could Milner offer a gift card or cash? As a secondary incentive – investigate alternate options for this maybe SGA could fund something
 - h. How many scholarships? At this point, planning for one since we unsure of the interest in donating
 - i. The fair will be a venue for showcasing additional textbook resources on campus – Milner's etextbooks, course reserves, borrowing from Milner & I-share
 - j. This planning group will meet in early fall 2023 and report back
 - k. Approaching bookstore – how to take this to them?
 - i. Donation element is preferable to any kind of sale
 - l. Heartland CC might have done something like this.. Potentially check with them

Discussion Items:

1. TAC Student Survey
 - a. Closed on 5/5/2023 (as of 5/4, about 883 complete responses, Qualtrics shows 984 started survey)
 - b. Review preliminary findings

- i. [5.8.23 student TAC survey.pdf](#)
 - ii. Books that students didn't use – disconnect between faculty and student responses
 - iii. Students using “free online textbooks” - what is this? Is it sometimes the library
- c. Next Steps
 - 1. Julie can assist with further analysis this summer
 - 2. Generate white paper
 - 3. Plan for fall is to share data:
 - a. TAC's website
 - b. Reporting to SGA
 - c. Academic Senate
 - d. Advising Community – potentially for fall advising day (late September)
 - e. Student Success Community of Practice
 - f. Sharing with bookstore
 - g. Milner librarians
 - h. CIPD
- 2. TAC FY 23 Annual Report
 - a. Draft report started: [draft.TAC Annual Report FY23.docx](#)
 - b. Need to flush out major activities section and goals for next year
 - c. Any feedback on this draft so far?