

TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

**Thursday May 9, 2024**

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Milner 213C, Collaboration Classroom

**Minutes**

**Members Attending:** Sally, Lisa, Mallory, Julie, Joe

**Guests Attending:**

**Members Absent:**

**Call to Order: 1:04**

**Action Items:**

1. Determine minute taker
2. Review and approve [draft April Meeting Minutes](#) - approved

**Information Items:**

1. Faculty Course Materials Survey distributed, and a reminder sent – ~~168~~ 174 participants so far (last survey in 2020 had 318 participants)
  - a. Closes 5/16 -when fac spring contract ends, will share report of responses when it closes
2. Carla Birckelbaw has set a meeting with incoming SGA President Cobi Blair to discuss textbook affordability for next year – Mallory Jallas will join this and share notes
3. Next year, Milner designee will be new Scholarly Communications Librarian, Lindsey Skaggs – she will plan to convene group for the fall
  - a. Academic Senate will appoint new faculty members

**Discussion Items:**

1. Preview Session:
  - a. Presentation: [Preview 2024 Textbook Presentation .pptx](#)
  - b. Presentation Plan: [Textbooks and Course Materials @ ISU Preview 2024 Plan.docx](#)
  - c. Feedback so far has been positive:
    - i. Financial Aid: Happy to provide feedback, believe presentation is good to go – want to have QR code to online guide that they can feature in their lobby. Shawn Rigsby will attend session on 6/6/24 as a guest to see what questions are like from guests.
    - ii. Bookstore: Thankful for sharing slides – provided additional information about refunds that have been incorporated into notes
    - iii. Preview Staff
      1. Clarification that financial aid does estimate \$830 on financial aid offer/package - but it is not a direct cost billed through ISU. Also, emphasis on, "funds can be used for books and supplies but only any funds leftover after direct charges have been paid (tuition & fees, and housing/meals). A ton of students get confused thinking they can just

use Pell to purchase books which is technically correct, but they can't do that until ISU charges are clear.”

2. They would like us to share with University College and Honors advisors. Training is May 21-22, Chris McCombs is contact person – a possibility that we could share info with them, but at the very least provide the slide deck
  - a. Lisa available before 2pm on 5/21 and Joe could potentially come with – Mallory will reach out and then connect folks as needed
  - iv. Milner, so far: formatting
  - d. Guide work will be underway in the next two weeks – will share update on Teams
  - e. Handout still be developed – MJ working with Milner graphic designer
2. TAC Annual Report
  - a. Major accomplishments: Designing and planning session for Preview, hosting bookstore for discussion with committee – encouraging continuation of this conversation/relationship, administering faculty survey
  - b. Any goals for next year?
    - i. Exploring legislation impact for displaying course material costs for students
      1. Learning more about Follett modules for textbook adoption that could aid this work
    - ii. Considering “affordability champion” idea from last meeting
    - iii. Julie Murphy wants to explore more OER options for campus – will visit in fall with more information to share – CIPD as partner in this work?
  - c. Mallory Jallas will submit to Academic Senate chair on behalf of the committee
3. Announcements/Miscellaneous

**Adjournment: 1:53**