

# **Textbook Affordability Committee**

## **Minutes**

**Nov. 16, 2018**

**10:00 am**

**Present:** Jill Loveless, Becky Yesenczki, Jeff Sayre, Mary Ann Merz, Alicia Frey, Charlie Rogerson, Gene Evans, Hollie Buchanan

**Excused:** Mark Goldstein

**Absent:** Alex Bianchi, Larry Tackett

**Review of Series 51 and Committee Purpose** – Dr. Loveless reviewed Series 51 and stated the committee’s purpose is to setup guidelines for adherence to the Series. In addition, she said this committee is a great tool for sharing educational resources with all faculty.

**Review of WVNCC’s Implementation Series 51** – Current implementation of the Series is working well. Issues do arise when textbook editions change. WVNCC faculty make every attempt to be flexible with students who have outdated editions. Dr. Loveless requested that textbook challenges be communicated at the next Faculty Assembly meeting and brought back to this committee to address. She also encouraged faculty to talk to peers about customized textbooks as new faculty may not be aware of this option. She has been working with the Textbook Task Force on adoption of more OER’s.

**Review of Most Recent Report** - A copy of the recent textbook affordability report was shared with the group. Textbook adoption percentage was lower than usual this year. While it was lower than previously, the College always has textbook adoptions in place prior to the beginning of classes.

**Bookstore Scholarship Fund** – Ms. Frey reported that the amount of this fund continues to decrease as our enrollment decreases. Since this scholarship is funded by textbook sales, decreased enrollment equals decreased textbook sales. She encourages staff and faculty to send students to financial aid when they are having issues with buying textbooks, paying tuition, etc. Funds are available to assist and normally only require completion of a FAFSA to qualify. Scholarships are not all merit-based. Dr. Loveless will talk to Mr. Barnhardt about possible marketing efforts to make students more aware of the assistance that is available.

**Open Education Resources** – Some faculty are using OER’s with great success. Dr. Loveless encourages faculty to continue to explore this option for students. Dr. Buchanan shared several websites with the group that have OER’s available.

**Next Meeting** – TBD

Respectfully Submitted by  
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