

Textbook Affordability Committee

Minutes

Dec. 1, 2017

11:00 am

Present: Jill Loveless, Becky Yesenczki, Korene Silvestri, Charlie Rogerson, Mary Ann Merz, Kyrie Straight, Mark Goldstein, Alicia Frey, Jeff Sayre

Excused: Alex Bianchi, Gene Evans, Larry Tackett, Eden Plogger

Review of WVNCC's Implementation Series 51 – Dr. Loveless created a task force to work on the textbook adoption process. This committee recommended that textbook adoptions go through the division chair/program director or designee. Current implementation only lists division chair. Deadlines – instead of listing date, change to first Friday, second Friday, etc. Need to review deadline for when staffing is complete. More reasonable to say one week before classes begin. Still an issue with some English courses using different textbooks. Ms. Straight recommended an alternative by using XanEdu to customize textbooks. Dr. Rogerson will work with the English faculty to see if this is a viable option. Ms. Straight stated that as long as she had the information by July 15, she could have the book for the fall semester. Customized textbooks can't be rented but are available for buy back.

Review of Most Recent Report - A copy of the recent textbook affordability report was shared with the group. Staffing goal was met at 99% and textbook adoption goal was met at 86%.

Bookstore Scholarship Fund – Ms. Frey reported that there are two scholarships; one is for \$2000 that Barnes and Noble awards to a student and another is a scholarship fund that is driven by textbook sales. The textbook scholarship fund has decreased due to a decrease in textbook revenue. Ms. Frey was not sure if the \$2000 scholarship has been awarded in recent years. Ms. Straight will check on this and inform Ms. Yesenczki who will share the information with this group. Ms. Frey stated that the textbook scholarship fund is one used to help students who have expenses that aren't covered by other traditional forms of aid.

Open Education Resources – Mr. Goldstein stated that the HEPC is promoting OER and has asked that this information be researched. Since HEPC is taking an interest, it won't be long until CTCS follows suite. Dr. Loveless has worked with a consortium who created an OER task force and found it beneficial. She will look into this. Currently, Chana Baker is looking into using OER's for ENG 115. Dr. Loveless stated that Barnes and Noble will present on OER's during faculty week in January.

Next Meeting – TBD

Respectfully Submitted by
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