TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

**Friday, October 17, 2018**

3:00 p.m.

Milner Library, 311

**Minutes**

**Members Attending** – Anne Shelley, Danielle Miller-Schuster, Crystal Nourie, James Palmer, Morgan Anderson, Do-Yong Park, Laurence Bender, Michaelene Cox, Michael Rubio

**Call to Order** at 3:03 pm

**Action Items**:

Review and approve minutes from 9/21/2018 TAC meeting – Approved at 3:04 pm

**Discussion Items:**

Implementing next steps in Strategic Plan

* Have not heard back from the EC currently, but they have had the chance to see the plan prior to this meeting so we feel that if they had concerns we would have informed us of them already
* Take “Create a repository of “our” data to inform decision-making and dispel myths or misconceptions” off the table for now or lower it on our priority list
	+ Could also fall under education as well
* There is a link on the Registrars page for TAC but does need some updating
* TAC should be added to the SGA page and the Milner page so that everything can link together as one
	+ Anne can create subpages on the Milner library page for textbook affordability and resources with links
* Students are finding different ways to buy textbooks rather than buying them from the publishers to save money
* It would be beneficial to have an educational website with resources and options for students, teachers, and parents
	+ Does not fall under any of our asterisks – debate between adding another asterisk or revising the strategic plan
	+ Using Milner library would be a good option for a website, we can promote the link to students and help educate them
	+ Faculty would be the main audience for the website – it is important for them to be educated on what’s out there so that they can educate their students
	+ EBooks are a cheaper option as well and having the website attached to the library will make it easier for them to be licensed for their class
* There should be a way to introduce faculty to resources especially ones with Milner library and textbook options – new things every year and it would be beneficial to have a way to educate faculty early on
	+ If the faculty is educated on the best options on resources their students are much more likely to know about them as well
	+ Important to raise awareness on these issues
	+ Host panels and discussions possibly and work with the library
* Lots of confusion on Ebooks – what’s available, what’s out there, how to use them
	+ It’s new but could be a very good resource for students
* Important to start prioritizing our tasks
	+ Identifying liaisons – members of University Library Committee and/or academic senate members possibly
		- We would want their role to be to pass on information to other faculty in their area about updates in our committee and new information we’ve learned
	+ Dr. Palmer and Crystal will explore alternative fiscal models of subsidizing textbooks – start researching these and what each one entails
		- Want to find about 3-5 alternative methods for affordable textbooks
		- There is a lot of information and resources out there
* Data is available from other universities on the textbook affordability problem
	+ DePaul recently did a survey about textbook affordability – sent to students and faculty and Anne asked if they would possibly send the questions from their survey to us
	+ Is the problem universal? Will our outcomes be different than DePaul’s?
* Plan to use DePaul and Heartland as a resource for the possible survey and the website development
* Need to figure out what the actual affordability problem is based on our research

**Recap** – interested in developing a web presence with affordability resources (must be careful with our wording when creating this site) and how we are going to move forward with our survey options and studies

**Announcements/Miscellaneous**

Next meeting: November 30th and 1:30 pm in Milner 311

Open Access Week October 22-26th

**Adjournment at 4:06 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Anderson