TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

**Monday, January 25, 2021**

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Zoom

**Agenda**

**Members Attending**: Michaelene Cox, Julie Murphy, Anne Shelley, Joe Hendrix, Euysup Shim, Pam Walden

**Guests Attending:**

**Members Absent:** Joshua Crockett, Caleb Howard, Lauren Harris, Amelia Noel-Elkins

**Call to Order:**

**Action Items**:

1. Determine minutes taker
   * Pam offered to take minutes
   * Michaelene offered to take minutes at next TAC meeting

**Information Items/Updates**:

1. Textbook Affordability website
   1. Zach Parcell (WEB) added this to MY. If students search for “textbooks” this website will list in search results.
   2. Website is also listed in A-Z index from ISU’s homepage.
2. U.S. Department of Education Open Textbook Pilot Program—CARLI
   1. 5 mil grant – ISU applied but was denied. Not sure if CARLI will apply again.
3. Milner CARLI Counts project
   1. Workshops & training with library staff across the state – demonstrate student success on campus. ISU’s project was to give ISU students free access to electronic textbooks.
      1. Library staff reviewed the spring textbook list, identified textbooks that come in e-textbook format, ranked them according to which ones could have the biggest impact on students, and used that information to decide which ones to purchase. Overall, ~73 were chosen and are accessible in ReggieNet.
      2. Plan to survey student and professors at the end of the semester.
      3. All e-textbooks covered in this project are owned by the university with unlimited licenses, if offered.
      4. This was a one-time effort but if we can show student success we may try to make this an annual endeavor, and see if funds can come from somewhere other than Milner’s budget.

**Discussion Items:**

1. Schedule for spring semester
   1. Due to limited committee members today, Anne will send a poll via email
2. Requests from Academic Affairs Committee re: surveys
   1. Request from Dimitrios Nikolaou requesting a one page summary of the faculty survey from last spring to share with academic affairs committee. Acad. Affairs committee may edit what we send before submitting to executive committee. Anne will draft the summary and send to TAC committee members to review before it gets submitted to Dimitrios.
      1. Question arose re: if we should include raw data in the summary as it may eventually be included in their minutes. This needs consideration as we did not tell survey participants their answers would possibly be shared.
3. Textbook credit/donation campaign
   1. <https://store.swarthmore.edu/SiteText?id=87397>
   2. <https://www.givecampus.com/schools/SwarthmoreCollege/buy-the-book>
   3. Per Anne, Lauren (SGA) could be supportive of a program like this on ISU’s campus. TAC has questions/concerns:
      1. Swarthmore is a considerably smaller college (~1,600 students). How does a program like this translate to a large campus like ISU?
      2. What are the various revenue streams to support this? Fundraising campaign?
      3. Swarthmore uses a campus run bookstore. Without an official ISU bookstore, how can ISU implement a similar program?
      4. There are requirements for textbooks to be included in this program – who is overseeing those requirements?
      5. What are financial aid impacts? Does this affect overall cost of attendance?
   4. Anne will review with Amelia to gather her thoughts and insight – could we implement something like this at ISU?
4. Promoting textbook affordability website
   1. Write article(s) for University News Service (this will reach faculty/staff but not students)
   2. Other?
      1. Preview Orientation
      2. Vidette Article
         1. Possibly get our student committee members to review website & comment?
   3. Graduate School Council
      1. Noelle Selkow – contact
   4. Amy Hurd
   5. AAC
      1. Report on website to AAC, ask if Senate needs more complete report (at Senate meeting)
   6. Add link to Campus Solutions? – Zach
   7. University College – Preview staff
      1. Mary Jo Fabich? Corey Burgess?

**Adjournment:**