



## Textbook Affordability Committee

Wednesday, October 10, 2024  
2:30p.m.-3:30p.m.  
Meeting Minutes

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**Attendance:** Chris Moir, Dr. Kitchen, Jessica Manfroni, John Rasel, Don Gabriel, Brad Lipinski, Jackie Dynda, Katie Kolthoff

### Discussion Items:

#### 1. Welcome / Introductions

-Chris welcomed everyone and Dr. Kitchen to the meeting.

#### 2. Bookstore Transition:

Chris:

- The bookstore transition could have gone smoother.
- We are working directly with Follett with any ongoing issues.
- Deans and Associate Deans are receiving weekly updates regarding the book adoption process.
- Chris meets/speaks with Jessica every day

Jessica:

-Retained a lot of the B&N staff, which is a great asset.

Chris:

- Will keep communicating and giving further updates.
- Looking forward to a smoother semester in Spring.

Brad:

Q: Did B&N really give ultimatum about inclusive access?

A: Yes, B&N only offered inclusive access. College asked for flexibility. They found more flexibility with ECampus and Follett. They both offer options to explore inclusive access in the future.

Q: Why can't Liberal Arts assign trade books in Follett?

A: Try using ISBN and designating it under alternative material.

Q: Why is Follett asking for spreadsheets of books?

A: Follett is not requesting that. They are asking to document it because they are cataloguing each issue.

Let Follett know if you are having issues.

Q: Confirmation on Spring Semester book adoption due date.

A: October 15.

Q: Why don't we have an auto adoption process?

A: We are not ready for this process.

Follett will soon have 2 semesters worth of adoption history. This will be easier with coordinators in the future.

Chris has been sending weekly communication via email. Sometimes all faculty, also information is in the Provost Newsletter, and emails to Deans, Associate Deans and Coordinators.

Brad: Communication has been great.

### 3. Library Resources

-Under B&N faculty had the ability to add notes. Ex. Go to class before purchasing books. Is this possible?

-John wants to make sure that students know that a lot of books are digital and can be accessed by the students.

-We have about 30-45 titles that are digital copies.

Jessic: There is OER material. Faculty can select if materials are required, recommended or choice when selecting their products.

Chris: Can we get a screenshot process guide for this.

Jessica: Yes, this adoption process shouldn't be an issue.

### 4. Zero Textbook Cost

-Efficiency impact will be calculated and then shared soon. It will be sent to the state.

-Chris is checking on our last efficiency amount.

-Don is working with a librarian on a literacy guide.

-He would like to get faculty involved and see if their books are something we already offer for free.

-Can this be a project we get involved with?

-Let's think of a way we can promote the Learning Common Resources to students and faculty.

-Physical textbooks in the library will vary campus to campus.

### 5. Textbook Affordability Committee Project(s)

Publisher's Fair Spring 2025

-Let's get it done before summer and fall semester adoption dates.

More digital access

-Just because we can purchase the digital copies for books doesn't mean the material is available.

-It is harder to get trade books as digital versions.

### Action Items:

Chris: Efficiency calculations

John: Follow up on resources