

Textbook Affordability Committee

Thursday, April 25, 2024
2:00p.m.-2:30p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Chris Moir, Dr. Lisa Williams, Sarah Verba, John Rasel, Ann Marie Yunker, Katie Kolthoff

Discussion Items:

Welcome

-Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Barnes and Noble Update from Sarah:

- Publisher's Fair was cut back to 2 hrs.
 - Split up over 2 separate weeks.
 - All publisher reps made it to both.
 - Fewer attendees- not sure why. 42 attendees' total
 - Metro 10, East 10, Westshore 7, West 15
 - Only comment is the East located needs to be closer to the center of campus.
 - Maybe only 1 event every other year.
 - Is there a better time to host this event?
 - Need widespread communication in the future: Faculty Senate

Bookstore RFP/ Follett from Chris:

- Barnes and Noble only offered 1 option to the College. A per credit hour fee model. The RFP committee was not liking that.
- Follett was the recommendation from the RFP Committee
 - Follett will be talking to Barnes and Noble employees to see if they would like to stay on as Follett employees.
 - They will bring new tech and capabilities for us.
 - Our bookstore footprint will change.
 - Amazon based model.
 - Follett has very forward thinking.
 - Books are shipped to home or campus. They receive the books within 48 hrs. after ordering.
 - Follett wants to be apart of our campus community.
 - We will have the ability to have on demand apparel from Follett. They have a whole eCommerce division.
 - Model- textbook options- when a student will sign in, a list of their classes will populate and give them options.
 - They will sell electronics/tables/laptops – all updated properly
 - More flexible hours
 - We will start advertising Follett via IC/ Campus Day/Hi-Viz/ Convocation Day
 - They won't let OER's become voiceless
 - Follett will give more back to students.

Updates from Chris:

- Might move meetings to a different day so they won't interfere with Dr. Baston's Town Hall.
- Dr. Todd Kitchen will be joining us in the Fall.
- Thank you to Dr. Williams for being on this committee. Enjoy your retirement!

Next meeting in Fall 2024.