

Undergraduate Student Success Committee

Meeting Notes

August 31, 2017

Attendance:

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Notes

- I. Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm
- II. The Textbook Affordability Resolution

Committee members reviewed the textbook affordability resolution and deliberated on the following with regards to its forwarding to the executive committee:

A. Inclusive Access (IA)

- The IA opt out process was explained in relation to the list price vs. institutionally negotiated price. IA tends to sideline the rental market and concerns were raised regarding limited/no access to alternative purchase options, confusion over textbook/course fees, and financial debt.
- The IA roll out was described as beginning in Spring '18 with 5 pilot courses, Fall '18 with 20, and a full roll out tentative for Fall '19 available for all interested instructors. Much of the roll out costs are related to the opt-out Banner patch, and there was discussion of the possibility of these costs being funded by the state.

- Data from other institutions indicated a significantly low opt out rate, and that IA fees are categorically lower than other purchasing options

B. Textbook Auto Adopt

- The committee discussed the resolution to have the bookstore implement an auto adopt policy that would address the timely adoption issue
- Concerns were raised regarding incorrect adoptions, last minute textbook changes, adjunct instructor scheduling, and educating faculty and staff regarding textbook ordering.
- More data was requested regarding the percentage of book purchases by format, and incorrect adoptions.

C. Working group

- The committee discussed the resolution to have the executive committee create and support a working group to assist the bookstore in educating faculty, staff and department chairs.
- Concerns were addressed regarding the language of the resolution and how it did not address the financial aspects of textbook affordability initiatives.
- The committee discussed the role of student governance in assisting the bookstore with presentations at department meetings.

The committee resolved that the Textbook Affordability Resolution would be moved on to the Executive committee for consideration as new business in the Senate's first meeting

The meeting concluded at 3:30pm