

Textbook Committee Meeting Minutes  
Meeting: May 6, 2009

- I. Introduction of Committee Members
  - A. Members Present:
    1. Heather Wylie
    2. Robb Lightfoot
    3. Myra Urbanski
    4. Sean Randall
    5. Carolyn Singh
    6. Lauren Hollingsworth
  
- II. Old Business
  - A. Division Textbook Committee Presentations
    1. Heather reported that the presentations had been going well. Wanted to thank our student representative, Dan Kinney, for giving the presentation to SLAM. Sean mentioned that he felt that the presentations were having an effect on faculty as more of them had been contacting him for ways to reduce textbook costs
  
  - B. Wiki Textbook Committee Site
    1. Has been updated
      - a. A thank you to Carolyn for all of her hard work on keeping this site up to date. Members were encouraged to browse it for their information. The site can be found at:  
<http://shastacollegelibrary.wikispaces.com/Accessible+College+Textbooks>
      - b. Efforts are being made to get an official site hosted by the college
  
  - C. Student Orientations
    1. Updating current orientation slide on textbooks
      - a. Heather will be putting together a revised Power Point slide for future orientations. This will be sent out to committee members for feedback
  
  - D. Textbook Swap Site
    1. Ideas for increasing campus awareness of this service
      - a. News to Muse
      - b. The bookstore is currently passing out flyers to all students who are selling books that the bookstore is not currently buying.
      - c. Getting an article published in the Lance
      - d. Student Senate creating and distributing a flyer to be made available at Flex Day

### III. New Business

#### A. OER: Open Education Resources

1. Community College Consortium for Open Educational Resources (<http://oerconsortium.org/>)
  - a. Members were encouraged to look over this website to familiarize themselves with OER and come back in fall ready to discuss the pros/cons and how/if to go about encouraging their use among faculty

#### B. Textbook Rental Programs

1. Heather discussed how, at a recent conference she attended for California's community colleges, many community colleges have implemented textbook rental programs in various ways. As such, she suggested that we, as a committee, revisit this idea for our campus.
2. Abel Ramoz, the student senate president at Lassen College will be giving a presentation on the design and implementation of their new textbook rental program on Thursday, May 14 at 4 in room 816. All committee members were encouraged to attend.
  - i. The Shasta College Foundation has agreed to cover Abel's travel cost

#### C. Textbook Legislation

1. Legislative Tracking ([www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov))
  - a. AB 386
  - b. SB 216
  - c. SB 386
  - d. SB 388
2. It was clarified that all of the above pending legislation was California legislation. Members were encouraged to review them to get a sense of how they will/might affect costs on campus.
3. Sean also mentioned that federal legislation would be taking effect next year that mandated that all bookstores publish the ISBNs on their websites. Sean mentioned that since this had to be done on an individual basis, he could not say exactly when this would happen on our campus. The deadline is June or July 2010.

#### D. Academic Senate and Textbook Adoptions

1. Heather mentioned that many of the community colleges with textbook rental programs have had their academic senates pass a resolution that required faculty to keep an edition for 2/3 years. All of them had exception clauses that stipulated that a faculty could adopt a new edition earlier if the new edition had important/valuable/significant new information.

2. It was mentioned that it would be worth approaching our academic senate, as this would help ensure the success of a new textbook rental program.

E. Flex Day Textbook Committee Presentation

1. We have been invited to give a presentation during Flex Day 2009. Heather asked for feedback on the description of the event for the Flex Day flyer.
  - a. Suggestions included: the importance of on time adoptions, the possibility of a textbook rental program, and putting together a bookmark with “10 Easy Ways to Reduce the Cost of Textbooks”

IV. Questions/Issues

A. What to do with faculty's book collection

1. Robb was concerned about what to do with books that faculty have that they are unable to send back.
  - a. Ideas included seeing if EOPS would find them helpful, posting them on the textbook swap site.