



Minutes
Textbook Affordability Workshop
Tuesday, December 3, 2019
2:00-3:00pm
O-117 Charlotte Campus

Present: Dr. Jeff Allbritten, President, FSW
FSW Board of Trustee Members:
Jonathan Martin
Julia Perry
Chris Cunningham
Danny Nix
Julia du Plooy
David Ciccarello
Sherolyn Crawford, recorder

Introduction: Dr. Allbritten called the meeting to order.

1. **"FSW is committed to Textbook Affordability" – Dr. Eileen DeLuca, Provost**

Dr. DeLuca reviewed F.S. 1004.085 and its purpose with the Board members. In her presentation, she outlined the many ways that FSW has demonstrated a commitment to textbook affordability. She gave an update on the Textbook Affordability Committee, which has monthly meetings, and their accomplishments implementing recent initiatives aligned with Florida Statute to support Textbook Affordability. Initiatives include supporting faculty professional development related to OER adoption, both through attendance at the Florida OER Summit, guest speakers brought to the college, as well as trainings offered in the Teaching and Learning Center. Other efforts include annual publisher's forums in collaboration between Academic Affairs and Auxiliary Services. She also shared that a new committee entitled "Open FSW" was formed by faculty to explore and best practices in the use of Open Educational Resources. Finally, faculty and administrators at FSW have been nominated to serve on the Florida College System Textbook Affordability Workgroup Chapter. Data was shared regarding the decrease in average textbook cost over the last three terms of core course selection. Dr. DeLuca fielded trustee questions throughout the presentation.

2. **Open FSW – Professor Arenthia Herren, Open FSW Committee Chair**

Professor Herren shared the mission statement for Open FSW and that there is encouragement to make your own, modify, or adopt open resources. Some examples of Open Educational Resources (OER,) that can be used in classrooms are e-version or print. She provided examples of pilot efforts in departments and among select courses to move to open book resources. Professor Herren also described the OER conference where she gained valuable insight to OER information on what other colleges are doing in terms of OER, contacts, vendors, and information on low cost textbooks and

free open resources.

3. **FSW Bookstore commitment – Dr. Gina Doeble, Vice President of Administrative Services and Kevin Renshaw, Follett representative**

Dr. Doeble introduced Kevin Renshaw with Follett and spoke about the Follett partnership with FSW and the ways that Follett is helping to support the Textbook Affordability initiative. Mr. Renshaw shared a market comparison analysis which showed macro trends consistent in the number of material the has changed in price. He shared that the average price of textbooks has decreased for two Fall terms in a row. Mr. Renshaw spoke about the significant growth in adaptive services tools, and that there is now low cost and no cost material. He also shared information on a new online tool, Follett Discover, for students to search for textbooks and material relative to their courses.

Final comments – Dr. Allbritten

Dr. Allbritten and Board of Trustees members discussed the progress on textbook cost reduction and agreed to continue to inform the District Board of Trustees on related initiatives on a regular basis.

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Member

District Board of Trustees

Date