

ALS Subcommittee

Meeting of November 4, 2016, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Room SF 329

Agenda

Present: James Murray, CSCI, Aline Soules, Libraries, Douglas Taylor, CLASS, Missy Wright, CEAS, Jing Wen Yang, CBE

1. Approval of the agenda (JM/MW)
 - a. Jing Wen Yang can continue as the CBE rep, but we still have no rep from CIC. Soules has contacted Mitch Watnik, chair, CIC, and Sophie Rollins, Senate, but will contact them again.
2. Selection of a chair
 - a. Soules nominated (JM/MW); approved by acclamation.
3. Selection of a Secretary
 - a. Wright self-nominated; approved by acclamation
4. Report of CSUEB's ALS Coordinator
 - a. Approval of state grant in mid-October. But not approved until signed by Dr. Morishita
 - i. Asked for \$31K and was fully funded
 - ii. Some faculty are not going to be able to deliver within the 2016-2017 time frame; Soules will report to the C.O. and see if alternate faculty may be chosen in substitute.
 - b. Flyers were placed in in welcome bags for incoming students and an ad placed in The Pioneer outlining alternative options for students to check
 - c. Intellus Learning – VPAT and IT security check were needed before a trial was possible – this has taken significant time. It security check was approved in Sept.; VPAT approval came last week.
5. Old business
 - a. Publisher survey
 - i. Aline handed out copies of updated draft.
 - ii. Jim explained rationale on survey purpose. One purpose is to get an overview of the publishing industry. Taylor asked about what will be done with results. Potentially, the results could help faculty decide which resources to use, particularly among multiple configurations of the same title. Results could also

provide a rationale for why some expensive textbooks are used over cheaper or free options (i.e., what is their value).

- iii. We stopped progress on this over the summer as Chancellor's office expressed concern about these areas:
 - 1. This effort is about Affordable Learning Solutions, not publishing
 - 2. It will be difficult to get accurate data and conditions will change in a few months
- iv. Faculty decided to proceed with the survey, as amended. Soules will check with the Bookstore on the current list of reps and send out the survey.

6. New business

- a. Plans for workshops
 - i. Started a Google Doc with Jessica Weiss – OER/ALS: Best practices, Benefits, and challenges
 - 1. How to turn this into a FLC
 - ii. Jim suggested the workshop include a discussion of cheaper alternatives even if faculty did not choose OER
 - iii. Jing Wen brought up the idea of incenting faculty to create their own content, which has been done in the past. The state grant does not include this option.
- b. Ideas for encouraging other faculty to join the OER/ALS movement
 - i. Possibly apply for a sponsored workshop (C.O. grant) for next year

7. Other business

- a. Student Perception Survey on the impact of OER/ALS on their use patterns
Soules and Stephanie Alexander drafted this survey for faculty on the grant to offer to their students at quarter end. Wright and Yang suggested improved wording on some questions. Other faculty were interested in offering the survey more widely; however, the current design would need amendment. This year, the survey will be limited to students in the 45 sections of the state grant. Results will be analyzed both for students' self-perceptions and for vetting the questions for a wider survey in 2017-2018.