Affordable Learning Solutions Subcommittee

Meeting of January 12, 2015

Present: Sylvester Donelson Jr., James Murray, Corazon Napolis, Eric Neumann, Aline Soules, Missy Wright, Jingwen Yang

Guest: Tracy Williford

1. Introductions

Members:
Mavis Braxton-Newby, Sylvester Donelson Jr., Eduina Escobar, James Murray, Corazon Napolis, Missy Wright, Jingwen Yang, Eric Neumann, Marie Alexandra Ibarra, Aline Soules

2. Elect a Chair and a Secretary

Aline Soules elected chair (Jim, Sylvester)
Missy Wright elected chair (Jim, Sylvester)

• AL$ Grant – able to get $11,800 for next year
  o Offer ($1000) incentives for faculty – got 5 faculty applications (*1 faculty backed out – need to get explanations out to faculty for what markups are as faculty member had concern over costs)
    ▪ Linda Dobb and Roger Wen would like us to offer $ for 30-35 faculty to go online with their courses. We can’t fund all of them with our grant money
  o Analysis of course readers – faculty don’t want to share this. Aline will work with Sylvester and accessibility services for progressing here

Discussion on copyright concerns
  o Sylvester posed question about looking at standards for faculty
    ▪ States that they meet the prices of any copying places and wonders if this message is out to faculty
  o Jim suggested if we can make it easier and faster for faculty, faculty will choose that option
    ▪ E.g., faculty get admin help to go through Blackboard sites to clean these things up
  o Possible next steps
    ▪ Get faculty to know about portal for uploading documents to duplicating services Look at library e resources
    ▪ Update website to make it easier for faculty to know how to follow copyright issues
    ▪ Get Blackboard to be able to access metadata
- **Action Item**: Eric will investigate a copyright “button” to ask faculty to verify that articles are copyright compliant. This means that we will have to ensure faculty know how to determine this.

**GOALS for committee this year**

1. **write a white paper**: Faculty, student, staff perspectives and try to suggest ways in which we can address some of the major issues. Need subcommittees for:
   - *Student* issues of affordability in general – Marie, Sylvester, and Coco
   - *Staff* issues – Sylvester, Aline, Coco
   - *Faculty* issues – Mavis, Jim, Sylvester (ex officio), Jingwen

2. Select one or two issues from the list of issues to work on for the rest of the year.

**Action Item**

- Develop a brief list for next meeting (Monday February 23rd)
  - Deadline to get list to Aline is Monday February 9th
  - Aline will send out list around February 16th and we can look it over to discuss what 1 or 2 issues we will try to tackle