Affordable Learning Solutions Subcommittee

Minutes of the Meeting of Feb. 5, 2018

Present: Stephanie Alexander, Eduina Escobar, James Murray, Aline Soules, Missy Wright, Jingwen Yang

1. Approval of the agenda (Yang/Murray)

2. Approval of the Minutes of Oct. 16, 2017 (Murray/Wright)

3. Report of the Chair

    a. Soules will retire in August 2018 and hopes a member will take up the role of chair of this committee in 2018-19.

4. Old Business

    a. Update on Affordable Learning Solutions report to CIC on the opt in/opt out issue of the bookstore plan to provide book access through the add/drop period.
        i. Soules visited CIC in fall and, after discussion of the concerns regarding opt in vs. opt out, proposed requesting that Senate request a report on this issue as the project proceeds (IncludeEd)
        ii. Eduina offered to provide data on the success of current programs, which are underway at other CSUs and UCs.

    b. Update on AB 798 grant progress
        i. Over 45 sections converted in 2016-2017 and there are about a dozen this year. Payments will be sent to administration on April 1st for processing. Soules must provide a final report by June 30, 2018.
        ii. As a side note, Soules reviewed the history of grants related to AL$. There have been several years of Chancellor's Office grants and there will be one in 2018-19. The AB 798 grant has run two years (2016-2018) and a second opportunity is available for 2018-2020. Both opportunities have been forwarded to Dean Wenzler for future action.

5. New Business

    a. Reports on AL$ workshop of Jan. 19, 2018 and CSU-wide AL$ Coordinators meeting of Jan 29, 2018
        i. The AL$ workshop of Jan. 19 went well, with about a dozen attendees. The speakers, Patrick Fleming from Chemistry and

Maria Ortuoste from Political Science, provided very different approaches to AL$, which was helpful for attendees. Also provided was data from a 2016-17 survey of students who had taken classes involved in the AL$ initiative.

    ii. The Jan. 29th meeting of AL$ Coordinators gathered a mix of Coordinators, some vendors, IT people, bookstore representatives, and others. There were a number of vendors present and Soules learned which platform worked best with which LMS. Soules will write a report shortly and share it with appropriate staff and the AL$ Subcommittee.

b. Proposal to change membership of the AL$ Subcommittee from an IT representative to a representative from the Online Campus

    i. When the AL$ Subcommittee was formed, IT was a single entity. Since then, there has been a split between IT and Online Campus. The AL$ Subcommittee is much more relevant to the Online Campus. Soules proposed that the Subcommittee request a change in membership from IT to Online Campus. The members agreed. Soules will write a draft and share with the Subcommittee for e-mail agreement.

c. Data from Textbook Survey of students in AB 798 course sections, 2017-2018

    i. Soules presented data on the 2016-2017 survey of students who had experienced an AL$ course. Discussion of findings ensured. Soules will include this in her final report for CIC at the end of year. Meanwhile, Soules will send the data electronically to members, along with the summary she prepared and shared at the Jan. 19 AL$ workshop.

d. Discussion of Recruitment of Faculty to Participate in ALS initiative, including how to move forward if financial incentives are no longer present (actually old business, but should be discussed after Report of Jan. 29 meeting)

    i. Alexander suggested offering an opportunity in late-February or early-March for faculty to meet with librarians to identify possible AL$ materials for specific courses. This should take place before the May 1 date for requiring textbooks for both Spring quarter and Fall semester.

6. Other Business
   a. Eduina will provide more information about IncludeEd, which works through BlackBoard.

7. Adjournment