

Textbook Taskforce progress to date IPC, October 3, 2018

To further reduce costs for students, the Textbook Taskforce is charged with

1. *Determining the current range of cost for textbooks and supplies for students in various majors and programs*
The minimum total textbook cost to complete IGETC/CSU in 2017-18 was \$184; see Table 1. In 2017-18, the minimum total textbook cost to complete major requirements in seven-high demand majors ranged from \$182 (Administration of Justice) to \$2011 (Nursing); see Table 2.
2. *Identifying the steps that faculty and the bookstore have already taken to reduce the costs of textbooks and supplies*
The bookstore has been proactive in informing faculty about inclusive access. Faculty in many disciplines are using lower cost editions, inclusive access, free online resources, and open educational resources. For seven high-demand majors, the minimum cost of textbooks for major requirements was on average \$300 lower in 2017-18 than it has been in 2010-11.
3. *Learning what students see as the advantages and disadvantages of lower and no-cost textbook options*
A discussion and survey of the ASCSM student senate showed differences of opinion. While some students appreciate the ready access lower costs of electronic resources, other expressed strong preferences for physical textbooks.
4. *Developing a process for ensuring that faculty are aware of lower and no-cost options for textbooks and supplies*
A sharepoint site has been created for the taskforce and is being populated as a source of information for faculty
5. *Working with faculty and the bookstore to promote student awareness of the variety of textbook options that faculty have selected for specific courses*
To be addressed in fall 2018

Spring 2018 Activities

- Taskforce membership and charge approved by IPC December 1, 2017
- January 12 Flex Day session: Strategies for Reducing Textbook Costs
Thirty faculty, staff, and students shared their experiences with traditional, electronic, open-source, and other textbook options
- March 8 Flex Day session: Course Material Options & Affordability
Presentation on pros/cons of various options: traditional textbooks, used and alternate editions, textbook rental, online textbooks and homework managers, inclusive access, open educational resources (OERs).
Extended information on OERs and OER sources.
- March 19 ASCSM Student Senate meeting: Extended discussion and survey to get student input on advantages and disadvantages of various options
- April 23 West Hills College Lemoore: OER efforts, grants, and lessons learned (Mike Claire and Laura Demsetz in person; others in taskforce via cccconfer)
- Ongoing: analysis of textbook costs

Summer 2018 activities

- Development of sharepoint resource site

Fall 2018 activities

- Populate and publicize sharepoint resource site
- Additional outreach to faculty and students
- Investigate grant possibilities for 2019-10

Note: Tables 1 and 2 were developed by selecting the lowest cost textbook option among the possible course options and sections in the given term.

Table 1

IGETC - CSU requirements (mimum cost textbook option, 2017-18)	course	cost
ENGL 100 or 105	ENGL 105	\$ 17
ENGL 110 or 165	ENGL 110	\$ 13
one of COMM 110, 130, 140, 150	COMM 110	\$ 20
Area 2 Math	Math 200	\$ 20
Area 3 Arts	DGME 215	\$ -
Area 3 Humanities	PHIL 244	\$ -
Area 3 Arts or Humanities	ETHN 585	\$ -
Area 4 Social & Behavioral Science	HIST 100	\$ -
Area 4 Social & Behavioral Science	HIST 101	\$ -
Area 4 Social & Behavioral Science	DGME 100	\$ -
Area 5A Physical Science	PALN 110	\$ 70
Area 5B Biological Science	PSYC 220	\$ 45
Area 5C Science Lab	PALN 111	\$ -
	Total	\$ 184

Table 2

Textbook costs for major requirements in frequently awarded degrees					
		awards (2016-17)	min. cost for major rqmts		savings per student
			2010-11	2017-18	
AA-T	Psychology	54	\$ 632	\$ 355	\$ 277
AA-T	Economics	47	\$ 530	\$ 390	\$ 141
AA-T	Comm Studies	43	\$ 442	\$ 276	\$ 166
AS-T	Bus. Ad	85	\$ 916	\$ 386	\$ 530
AS-T	Admin Justice	42	\$ 145	\$ 182	\$ (37)
AA	Social Science	140	\$ 192	\$ 199	\$ (7)
AS	Nursing	44	\$ 3,091	\$ 2,011	\$ 1,080

Textbook Taskforce members

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