

Textbook Taskforce “update” to IPC 5/15/2019

Formed December 2017 (IPC 12/1/2017); faculty, staff (including bookstore manager) students, administrator

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*
2. *Identifying the steps that faculty & the bookstore have already taken to reduce the costs of textbooks & supplies*
3. *Learning what students see as the advantages and disadvantages of lower and no-cost textbook options*
4. *Developing a process for ensuring that faculty are aware of lower and no-cost options for textbooks and supplies*
5. *Working with faculty and the bookstore to promote student awareness of the variety of textbook options that faculty have selected for specific courses.*

Active Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

- Flex day sessions
 - Strategies for Reducing Textbook Cost
 - Course Material Options & Affordability
 - Hands on Workshop
- ASCSM meeting and student survey
- West Hills College site visit
- Northern California Regional OER Summit
- Outreach re: ASCCC OER discipline webinars and grant opportunities
- Analysis of textbook costs (examples attached)

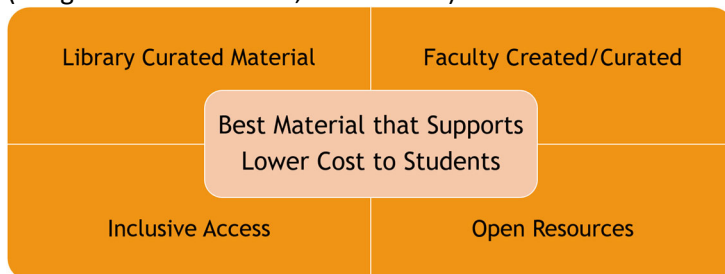
Last reported to IPC May 15, 2019 with suggestion that a smaller group be formed

Subsequently (though not due to May 2019 suggestion)

- **OER Working Group**
Goal: to investigate textbook costs and lower cost alternatives with a diverse representation of faculty, student services and CSM bookstore.
- **Covid-19**

Moving forward

- **Single group to encourage and support faculty adoption high quality free and low-cost materials**
(Image from Chris Smith, OER Liaison)



Textbook Taskforce members

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Staff (approved by Classified Senate): Lisa Clayton (Math Resource Center), Margaret McGugan (Writing Center), Joey Martinez (Learning Center), James Peacock (Bookstore)

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Administrator: Laura Demsetz

Supporting Information

Table 1. IGETC-CSU requirements, minimum cost textbook options (updated for 4/14/2021 IPC meeting)

IGETC-CSU requirements (minimum new textbook option)	2017-18		Sp2019		Sp2021	
	course	cost	course	cost	course	cost
ENGL 100 or 105	ENGL 105	17	ENGL 105	17	ENGL 100	17
ENGL 110 or 165	ENGL 110	13	ENGL 110	14	ENGL 110	20
one of COMM 110, 130, 140, 150	COMM 110	20	COMM 110	0	multiple	0
Area 2 Math	Math 200	20	Math 200	0	multiple	0
Area 3 Arts	DGME 215	0	DGME 215	0	multiple	0
Area 3 Humanities	PHIL 244	0	PHIL 244	0	multiple	0
Area 3 Arts or Humanities	ETHN 585	0	ETHN 585	0	multiple	0
Area 4 Social & Behavioral Science	HIST 100	0	ETHN 103	0	multiple	0
Area 4 Social & Behavioral Science	HIST 101	0	HIST 101	0	multiple	0
Area 4 Social & Behavioral Science	DGME 100	0	DGME 100	0	multiple	0
Area 5A Physical Science	PALN 110	70	GEOL 100	40	ASTR 100	27
Area 5B Biological Science	PSYC 220	45	BIOL 100	31	multiple	0
Area 5C Science Lab	PALN 111	0	GEOL 101	0	BIOL 132	0
Total		\$184.45	\$101.95		\$63.90	

Table 2. Textbook costs for major requirements in frequently awarded degrees (not updated)

		awards (2016-17)	min. cost for major requirements, \$			Cost reduction Sp2019 – 2010/11
			2010-11	2017-18	Spring 2019	
AA-T	Psychology	54	632	355	242	390
AA-T	Economics	47	530	390	320	210
AA-T	Comm Studies	43	442	276	230	212
AS-T	Bus. Ad	85	916	386	386	530
AS-T	Admin Justice	42	145	435*	334	-189
AA	Social Science	140	192	199	0	192
AS	Nursing	44	3091	2011	1568	1523