

TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY TASK FORCE  
Approved Minutes February 26, 2010 and March 19, 2010  
Ocean Campus, Conlan Hall Room E-200

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Submitted by Don Newton, approved on April 9, 2010

**February 26 The meeting began at 1:15 PM**

**Present:** Don Newton, Alvin Jenkins, Deena Samii, Karen Saginor, Katherine Gelardi, Katryn Wiese, Liz Rockstraw, Ray Gamba, Rose Marie Roberson, Ryan Vanderpol, Wendy Owens.

**Minutes:** No Minutes, this is the first meeting.

The members present each introduced themselves and presented their concerns, opinions, and ideas on textbook affordability. Some of the topics covered included :

- Life of editions,
- Adoption Guidelines,
- Level of required usage,
- Donating books to Bookloan,
- Creating a textbook exchange,
- Publishers monopoly causes some concern,
- Questions of cultural change needed in a profit based society,
- Union Rules (textbook selection)
- Shared government role in changing adoption policies,
- Creating “learning communities” to share textbooks,
- Negotiating textbook prices,
- Locking in prices when quoted by publisher,
- Teachers using their own materials.

It was acknowledged that the role of this committee will be to make recommendations to the various constituencies of shared governance.

The first step will be to create and distribute a survey.

The next meeting was announced for March 19. That date conflicts with another important campus wide meeting but could be used as a working session to finalize the survey.

Adjourned at 3:00 PM

**March 19, 2009 meeting began at 2:00 PM**

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**Present:** Don Newton, Deena Samii, Ryan Vanderpol, Wendy Owens.

This group finalized the wording of the student survey. The survey was sent by e-mail (goal) on April 6.

Meeting Adjourned at 3 PM