

Open Source Textbook Task Force

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, July 15, 2016

1:00 p.m. in Room 1C of the LOB

Legislative Attendees:

Mary Ann-Daly

Task Force Attendees:

Kevin Corcoran – Executive Director, Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium

Martha Bedard – Vice Provost for University Libraries, University of Connecticut

Christopher Clark – Professor and History Department Head, Moderator for Faculty Senate, UConn

Patricia Banach – Director of Library Services, Eastern Connecticut State University

Christon Kurker-Stewart – Academic Affairs, Office of Higher Education

James Brunt – Professor, Gateway Community College

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Corcoran at 1:09 p.m., he requested and accepted revisions to the minutes from June 3rd's meeting.

Request for Revisions to Minutes

Patricia Banach suggests that on bottom of page one “Representative Haddad expresses concern over how an adequate email list would be obtained” be changed to “Pat Banach suggested that it may be a possibility to use the Council of Connecticut Academic directors list to distribute the surveys to the participating library directors and ask them to forward to their campus provost. The provost would distribute [it] to the faculty.”

Motion to Accept Minutes

Motion Approved

Martha Bedard announces that she and Kevin Corcoran met following the last meeting (June 3rd 2016) and discussed the nature of the sub-committees.

Kevin Corcoran Discusses the refined idea of the subcommittees. He suggests that instead of being called “sub-committees”, they will now be called “working groups.”

Kevin Corcoran elaborates on the four working groups that will be functioning within the committee and what their goals will be.

First Working Group

Will focus on the content and the messaging of the survey. "Call to Action" for this working group is to review what the original Babson Survey was, what North Dakota did for supplemental questions, and review what the University of Connecticut did for the version that they distributed and ultimately determine supplemental questions based on these three things.

Volunteers

Dan Barret
James Brunt
Claire Agba
Kevin Corcoran

Second Working Group

Goal is to focus on construction, distribution, and data analysis of completed surveys.

Volunteers

Claire Agba
Chris Clark
Martha Bedard
Sally Reis
Kevin Corcoran

Third Working Group

Goal is to lead awareness campaign for survey.

Volunteers

Susan Dean
Patricia Banach
Sydney Gallatin
Kevin Corcoran

Fourth Working Group

Goal is to review and analyze what tools are available to OER community, Task Force, and Constituents

Volunteers

Dan Barret
James Brunt
Sydney Gallatin
Martha Bedard

Kevin Corcoran asks for University Campus updates.

Patricia Banach in response says that she will be making a presentation to the President of Eastern Connecticut State Universities Extended Staff this coming Fall.

Martha Bedard discusses a meeting she had with a graduate student and the insight she gained from that meeting. She said that Graduate Assistants may be a new constituency group, in addition to faculty.

Patricia Banach says that in addition to GA's and Faculty, another outreach group may include New Faculty at New Faculty Orientation.

Martha Bedard discusses report that was due July 1st, 2016. She says that because it is not in, the committee should aim to get it in soon.

Patricia Banach offers the idea of getting people together more frequently in order to keep things on track.

Brief discussion on how to handle requests to present to the task force. The committee decided that co-chairs will vet these requests to ensure that they meet the committee's goals. If so, the requestor will be asked to submit their presentation in advance of their scheduled date for final approval of the committee. Once scheduled, the requestors would have 15 minutes to present on how they support the committee's goals and another 15 minutes allocated for question and answer time.

Martha Bedard discusses next meeting, and asks for potential dates.
Kevin Corcoran offers August 12th as a potential date.

Next meeting is set for Friday August 12th at 1:00 p.m.

Kevin Corcoran introduces Jeremy Smith from U. Mass Amherst

Presentation by Jeremy Smith from University of Massachusetts at Amherst