

Textbook Affordability Council
March 21, 2018
11a-noon
CLC & Library Conference Room

Agenda

1. Council Charge - Provost Knighton
2. Elect Secretary
3. Discuss next steps

Our members include:

Ashley Kalle – Institutional Research

Jody DeFore – Financial Aid

Autumn Schaffer – D2L Administrator/IT

Lynn Rumfelt – Affordable Learning Georgia Campus Champion/Faculty

Brenda Rutherford – Affordable Learning Georgia Library Coordinator

Wanda Grant – Textbook Coordinator/Bookstore

Anna Higgins-Harrell – CETL Director

Justin White – Business Office

Connie Wade – Bookstore

Princess Clark – Student Representative

The purpose of the Textbook Affordability Council will be to:

- Promote and support affordable or free teaching and learning materials to save students money
- Provide credible and reliable learning resources for the classroom

The TAC purpose aligns with the College's mission - <http://www.gordonstate.edu/about/vision-mission-statement>:

- First bullet under Mission: **Gordon State College will strive to ensure affordable, supportive access to high quality post-secondary education**
- Third bullet under Core Values: **Accessibility – to ensure affordable, supportive access to high quality post-secondary education**

5 Goals

- organize and charge the Textbook Affordability Council (receive charge from Provost)
- promotion of ALG/OERs to Administration/ Faculty/Students (marketing campaign/create website)
- collect and analyze data from IR/bookstore/Financial Aid (this will help us determine what questions to ask on the survey)
- create and implement student and faculty surveys about ALG/OERs/textbook affordability (based on data from IR/bookstore/Financial Aid)
- conduct CETL panels and library workshops to promote ALG, OERs, text affordability

Available resources we may want to reference

GSC Bookstore - <https://bookstore.gordonstate.edu/> (buy/reserve/rent textbooks and eBooks)

Affordable Learning Georgia – <http://www.affordablelearninggeorgia.org> (ALG initiative, grants, Open Educational Resources)

Affordable Learning Georgia reports – <http://www.affordablelearninggeorgia.org/about/reports> (how much money has been saved within the USG)

IPEDS Financial Aid data – <http://www.gordonstate.edu/ir/ipeds> (financial aid and other data)

Factbooks - <http://www.gordonstate.edu/ir/fact-books> (student demographics and other data)