Affordable Learning Steering Committee (ALSC)

Membership – 2019-2020

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Charge

The Affordable Learning Steering Committee (ALSC) is appointed by and advisory to the Provost.

House bill (HB) 2213 passed this year, and will go into effect on January 1, 2020, requiring Oregon State and other public higher education institutions, to develop a textbook affordability plan. Oregon State’s plan will create measurable goals for increasing textbook affordability; designate courses as no or low cost in the course catalog, with regular reporting to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) on numbers of courses using these designations; endeavor to mitigate the economic impact of lower textbook costs on the Beaver Store; and encourage the use of high quality, low cost learning materials in all courses.

The work of the ALSC will make higher education more accessible to Oregon State students by promoting the use of high-quality, no and low cost learning materials to meet the requirements of state law and recommend other practices to help reduce the cost of all learning materials across campus.

Specifically, the ALSC’s AY2019-20 charge is to do the following, in alignment with the University’s mission and goals:

- Report to OSU administration and community affordable learning efforts across Oregon State
- Recommend actions based on current and forthcoming legislation, and student success and savings data
- Recommend actions to reduce or eliminate the barriers that discourage the adoption of affordable learning materials
- Recommend a common formula for evaluating financial savings
- Recommend actions to institutionalize affordable learning materials

The ALSC will help the University to not only comply with state law, but also to fulfill our mission as a public land-grant university, and our inclusive excellence goals. The committee will initially meet every 2-3 weeks, and then settle into a monthly or quarterly meeting schedule.

Staci Beymer will provide administrative support to the ALSC and will schedule your first meeting.