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Student Affairs Policy Committee Annual Report 2016-2017

SAPC Members:

Theodore Tong, Pharmacy, **CHAIR** (6/11-5/17)
Cheryl Cuillier, University Libraries-Research & Learning (6/14-5/17)
Lauri Macmillan Johnson, School of Architecture/Landscape Architecture (7/10-5/17)
A. Tim Jull, Geosciences (7/10-5/17)
Enrico Travasani ASUA (8/16-5/17)
Diane Ohala, Linguistics (6/26-5/17)
Rose Ylimaki, Educational Policy Studies & Practice (6/16-5/17)
Jeff Stone, Psychology (6/14-5/17)
Kendal Washington White, Dean of Students, *ex-officio* (8/09-)

During the academic year 2016-2017, the committee met September 19, 2016; January 30, 2017 and April 3, 2017.

Committee actions:

The committee met on **September 19**, to continue the discussion at the suggestion of ASUA President Michael Finnegan about concerns for the cost and affordability of textbooks and course materials to students. The Committee heard from Cheryl Cuillier a report about UA Bookstore Library's efforts; she stressed the importance of faculty to submit the adoption of textbooks before deadlines. The committee received updated details on the continuing efforts and prospective initiatives to being taken to lower textbook costs and improve access to books for students. The Committee recommended to the Provost that a letter be prepared and sent from him to all faculty encouraging to be on-time (@ early October 2016) with textbook adoption for courses that will begin Spring 2017. The committee will continue to follow up with further discussions on this matter. The Committee received a progress report from Dean of Students Kendal Washington White on the progress of efforts to promote diversity and inclusion at the UA.

The committee met on **January 20, 2017** and addressed initiatives that the UA Bookstore has taken with regards to institutional and constituent with textbook ordering and purchasing policies, access to bookstore, library and digital online information resources and materials for students, faculty and staff members. Improvement of submissions for adoptions for the Spring 2017 versus Spring 2016 was reported. While compliance of submitting textbook adoption information is improving for the UA, ASU and NAU are still ahead of the UA



The committee met on **April 3, 2017** and heard from Peggy Glider, Coordinator for Evaluation & Research at Campus Health and Wellness. The committee was given details on methodologies used and the trends observed from the annual Campus Surveys (@ 2002-2016). Preliminary and most recent data on UA textbook adoption initiative for the Fall Semester 2017 show significant gain and improvement with compliance when compared to previous years. This committee will continue to follow up with interest on the commitment to reduce costs and increase affordability of textbooks and course materials for students at the UA.

Respectfully submitted,

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