

The Textbook Committee, formerly known as the Bookstore Advisory Committee, held a meeting on December 12, 2019. The minutes are attached.

**In attendance:** Steven Way, Melissa Yopack, Kevin Sowers, Miguel Bandres, Veronica Decker, Bendgel Okumus, Crystal Maraj, Caroline Pratt Marrett, Paula Reynoso, Amber Southwell, Patricia Hall, Hamie LaMoreaux, Jeff Golub, Melody Bowden, Amber Mullens

### **Meeting Summary**

Mr. Steven Way read the mission of the Bookstore Advisory Committee. A vote was held to elect a chair of the Committee. Dr. Caroline Pratt was unanimously elected as Chair of the committee. Discussions followed, regarding the new programs and events at the Bookstore. Mr. Way informed the committee that space at the UCF Foxtail Café was available for meetings by student, faculty, and departments, as well as clubs and organizations. In addition, Foxtail Café is partnering with Knights Pantry to donate food products that have been used or not yet expired.

Information about Trade Books was presented by Ms. Melissa Yopack. She shared that the UCF Campus Store was interested in hosting faculty author events and requested committee members to forward to her names of known faculty authors. Ms. Yopack also shared with the committee that the 2019 UCF Campus Store's Giving Tree book drive was a huge success. More than 2,000 books were donated to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Florida. The drive was held during the 2019 Holiday season.

The collaboration with All Things College and the UCF Campus Store was discussed by Mr. Way. He mentioned how the collaborative efforts would bring in new and exciting merchandising displays.

Ms. Yopack discussed the partnerships with First Year Experience (FYE) and the Orientation Team (O-team). She explained how the donations they provide are used to help students introduce incoming students to UCF life and the bookstore. Updates on sales and sell-thru of textbooks along with UCF Campus Store's involvement with UCF's Affordability Initiatives were also provided by Ms. Yopack.

Other topics that were discussed included the First Day Inclusive Access program; Bartley program; and the upcoming fall construction of the UCF-Valencia Downtown Bookstore. The First Day Inclusive Access program was very successful. It was reported that since the program began in spring 2019, students' savings exceeded \$1.2 million dollars. A brief description of the Bartleby program highlighted some of the study tools for students which includes access to millions of step-by-step textbook solutions and subject matter experts on standby 24/7. The student subscription cost is \$9.99 per month.

The committee reviewed and discussed the BAC scholarship selection criteria and the application process. A motion was made by Veronica Decker to add a free response to the application of a response to the question "What would receiving this scholarship mean to me?"

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The motion was seconded by Amber Southwell and all present voted in favor. Ms. Yopack agreed to have the website for the application updated. No other changes were noted.

New business was discussed and the opportunity for committee members to share announcements. The next meeting was scheduled for April 17. The meeting included an Awards Reception at the Foxtail Café for the BAC scholarship recipients.

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.

Due to the University transitioning to remote learning in the spring, the Textbook Committee did not meet in the April.