

MUW Faculty Senate Special Session
October 20, 2023
Via Zoom

Senators present: Ghanshyam Heda, Holly Krogh, Susan Hurley, Bronwyn Teague, Leslie Stratyner, Brian Burnes (proxy for Chanley Rainey), Kristy Alpe, Lestonio Yarbrough, Melissa Smith, Shana Lenoir, Elizabeth Fountain, Alena Groves (proxy for Lindsay Kemp), Catherine Cotton, Chad Murphy, Jared Quist, Rose Ford

Absent: Carol Dowdy, Stephen Meek,

Guests: Leonard Cotton, Trish Caston, Chelsea Cockburn

Observer: Dr. Nichols

Meeting was called to order at 12:18 p.m.

Chelsea Cockburn went over how WBooks+ works. One new feature is that students will be provided with a price comparison showing how much it will cost to purchase their books if they choose to opt out of the program.

Faculty were encouraged to reach out to the bookstore directly if their adoption does not yet exist in the Insights Portal and they choose to enter the ISBN, title, etc. on their own.

Only one format can be adopted/required for any adoption in the program. Students in the program only see required books, not recommended ones. If students opt out of the program, then they will be able to choose a different format from the one adopted by faculty.

Barnes and Noble is working on offering a hotline for troubleshooting.

Some senators were surprised to hear the deadline for adoptions was today (October 20). Fewer notifications had been emailed out this year, and they targeted deans.

Senators expressed concerns about why students were required to opt-out versus opt-in and too few books being available for certain classes.

Adjourned at 1:10 p.m.