

**Sauk Valley Community College
February 24, 2025**

Agenda Item 3.1.4

Topic: Follett Equitable Access Program Update

College Health Metric: Student Services – The College provides quality and supportive services to students.

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Presentation:

The Follett Equitable Access Program is a textbook affordability initiative designed to provide all participating students access to required course materials at a predictable, flat per-credit-hour rate. This program ensures students have all necessary learning resources on or before the first day of class, improving academic preparedness and overall student success. Participation in the program is optional, and students retain the ability to opt-out and purchase materials individually if they choose. The proposed pricing for students electing to participate in the Equitable Access Program is \$27.50 per credit hour. While this rate provides a structured and cost-effective approach to course material acquisition, it does not constitute a universal tuition and fee adjustment. The program is structured to enhance affordability and accessibility while maintaining student choice.

This topic is presented for discussion purposes. It will be brought forward for formal Board approval at the March Board meeting.