

**Sauk Valley Community College
June 24, 2024**

Agenda Item 3.1.1

Topic: Follett Inclusive and Equitable Access Programs

College Health Metrics: Planning – The College conducts research to support planning, decision making, and assessment efforts across the institution; decisions are informed by evidence, and processes are evaluated through continuous improvement.

Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich, Dr. Jon Mandrell, and Kent Sorenson

Presentation:

An overview of the College’s current use of Follett’s Inclusive Access program and a proposal from Follett to expand the program college-wide will be discussed.

Follett Access programs are offered campus-wide, sometimes called Equitable Access, or on a course-by-course basis, a model known as Inclusive Access. All required course materials are provided to students on or before the first day of class. In most cases, materials are provided digitally inside the campus learning management system, offering students maximum convenience.

In addition to convenience, these programs improve course material affordability. Students pay for the course materials via a charge applied to their account after the add drop period, and opting out of the program is easy. Both programs ensure all students have the necessary resources from day one.

Follett Inclusive Access Program





Follett Inclusive Access Program

The inclusive Access program delivers required course materials to students for any of the courses participating in the program. The cost will be included with tuition or course charges. This program provides a method to easily access, manage and use all course materials regardless of format or cost. Digital course materials will be made available to students directly within the campus learning management system & email. Physical course materials will be available for pick up at the campus bookstore.

2021	6 sections adopted when program was first offered
2022	18 sections
2023	32 sections
Spring 2024	47 sections across 8 departments
Fall 2024	43 sections (8% of total)



A blue-tinted photograph of three students walking on a paved path. On the left, a young man in a hoodie and backpack looks towards the center. In the middle, a young woman in a jacket and scarf smiles. On the right, a young man in a light-colored shirt and pants holds a book and looks towards the woman. The background shows trees and a building.

Follett Access

TRANSFORMING THE WAY COURSE MATERIALS ARE DELIVERED

STUDENTS ARE NOT COMING TO CLASS PREPARED



96%

OF STUDENTS KNOW WHAT TEXTBOOKS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS⁽¹⁾



60%

WAIT UNTIL CLASS STARTS BEFORE BUYING OR RENTING COURSE MATERIALS⁽¹⁾



65%

DID NOT PURCHASE A COLLEGE TEXTBOOK DUE TO COST



95%

***(OF THE 65%)**
KNEW THEY WOULD SUFFER ACADEMICALLY FROM NOT PURCHASING



The background is a dark blue-tinted photograph of a person's hands typing on a laptop keyboard. Overlaid on this are several semi-transparent white icons: a trophy, a person at a computer, a play button, and a document with a checkmark.

SOLUTIONS

COURSE MATERIALS FOR ALL

Follett Access

COURSE MATERIALS

INCLUDED IN THE COST OF TUITION OR FEES

REQUIRED

TEXTBOOKS DELIVERED TO STUDENTS PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS

DIGITAL

SHIFT, DELIVERING PHYSICAL TEXTBOOKS WHERE DIGITAL ISN'T AVAILABLE

MATERIAL

INCLUDED - EBOOKS, COURSEWARE, OER, FACULTY CONTENT

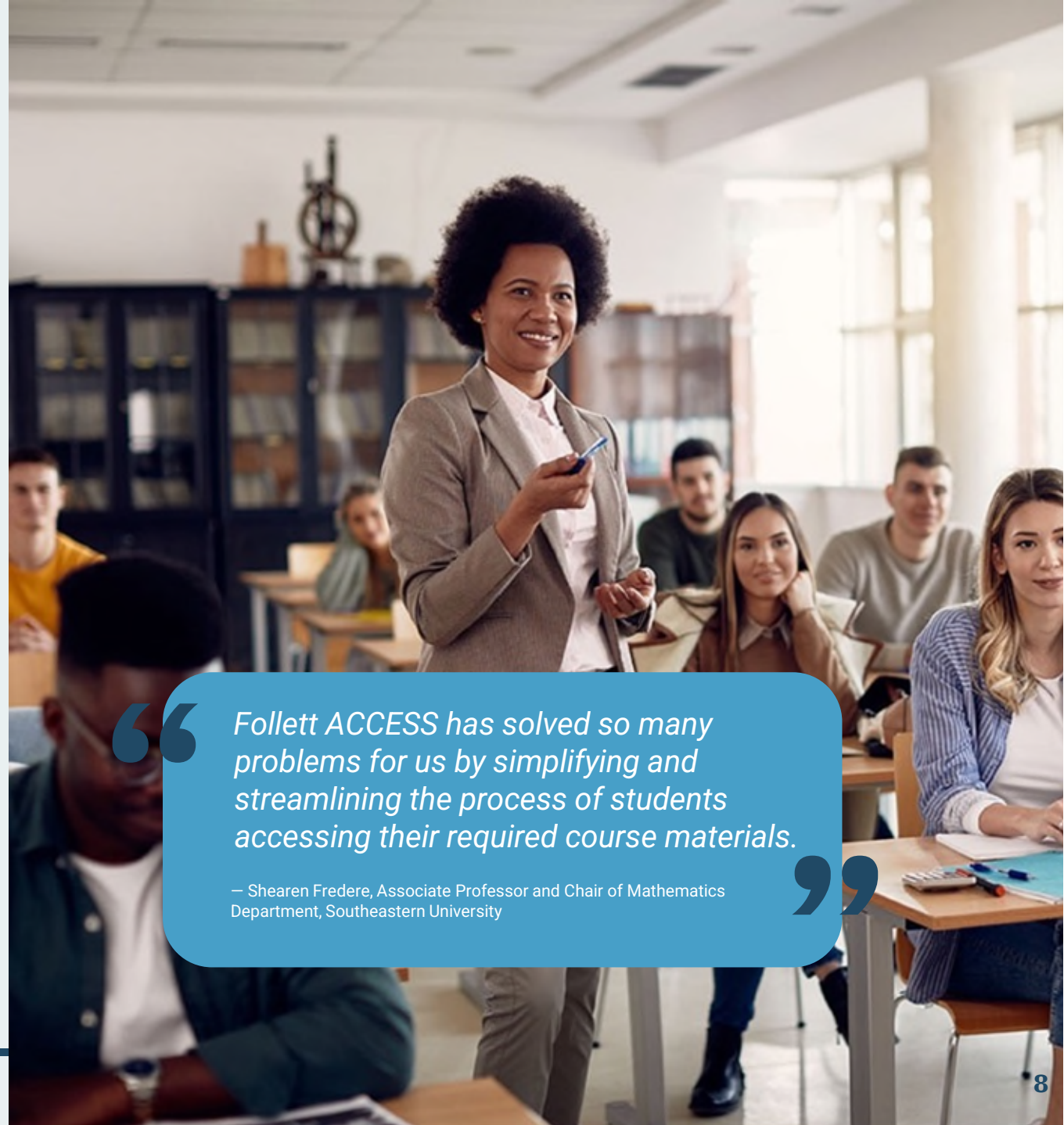
OPT-OUT

AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS THROUGH DROP DATE



FREEDOM TO CHOOSE FOR FACULTY

- Academic freedom to choose the materials that best fits the class curriculum
- Ensures everyone will have the same edition
- Supports higher academic performance for all students with a leveled playing field
- Follett manages accessing materials in the LMS or on campus
- Follett works with 6000+ publishers



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Follett ACCESS has solved so many problems for us by simplifying and streamlining the process of students accessing their required course materials.

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— Shearen Fredere, Associate Professor and Chair of Mathematics Department, Southeastern University

Proposed Campus Wide Program Pricing

COURSE MATERIALS
FOR ALL STUDENTS

\$24.00
PER CREDIT HOUR

STUDENTS TAKING 12 CREDIT
HOURS CHARGED \$288
(APPROXIMATELY 30% SAVINGS)

SVCC STUDENTS CURRENTLY
PAYING \$408 FOR 4 SECTIONS

1

ALL STUDENTS

2

DIGITAL FIRST

3

OPT-OUT AVAILABLE

4

RE-PRICED ANNUALLY
TO MAXIMIZE SAVINGS

Students were surveyed

Why are you most satisfied with the Follett Access Program?



76%

Had materials first day of class



70%

Convenience of not having to shop for materials



63%

Knowing I'd have all the materials and correct editions



47%

Materials cost less



33%

Materials were better incorporated into course



71%

Preferred the digital format of materials

Follett Higher Education Course Materials Student Survey © 2022

New Research

Equitable Access – Dr. Michael Moore

Equitable Access Participants'
Course Completion Rate Analysis

**Participants vs Non-Participants (Opt-Outs) in
2-Year Institutions**

Michael Moore, University of New Hampshire

Access Success Rate Improvements

Two Community Colleges (One Technical)

Fall 2021 & Spring 2022

23,415 Students

22% Non-Participants

Non-Participants 14% more likely to withdraw

Improvements across ALL groups of students

