

Senate Resolution in Support of Student Access to Affordable Texts

Whereas, the current percentage of book orders received by the deadline is only 12 %;
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Whereas, the timely submission of book orders to the bookstore results in a better reimbursement rate for students during book buy-back and increases the availability of used books for the following semesters; and

Whereas, late book orders result in financial losses for both the student selling back a book and the student who is unable to buy a good used book the following semester; and

Whereas, the cost of textbooks is a serious concern to students, student government and faculty;

Resolved that the Academic Senate supports Academic Affairs and the Bookstore's efforts to reduce the economic burden of textbook prices to students by encouraging faculty and department chairs to: make every effort to submit all book orders by the bookstore order deadlines, as published on email; continue using an older edition of a text when sufficient number of copies of used books are available and the text is current enough to fulfill the needs of the course; and explore, along with the bookstore, options for lowering the prices of textbooks for students; and request an extra copy of the text from the publisher and place it on reserve at each of the libraries.

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