

Resolution reaffirming importance of textbook adoption and affordability communication

Whereas the Faculty Senate on January 14, 2010 noted the importance of providing students with information about textbooks and required readings for coursework, so students can manage better the financial costs associated with such materials; and,

Whereas reporting data reveals that less than 25% of courses in any given quarter are in compliance with providing students with textbook information via UC Bookstore and eFollett;

Be it Resolved, that the Faculty Senate reaffirms its resolution of January 14, 2010 and urges faculty participation in the textbook adoption communication system information on which can be found at:

http://www.uc.edu/registrar/faculty_resources/textbook_information_requirement.html

Textbook Affordability: Passed January 14, 2010, by Faculty Senate

Whereas, The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 requires institutions to provide textbook information for a student at the time that the student registers for a course; and

Whereas, the textbook information to be disclosed to the student must include the ISBN and pricing information; and

Whereas, the disclosure of such information is beneficial to students and faculty; and

Whereas, The University of Cincinnati and eFollett have a contractual obligation to provide students with the textbooks ordered by the professoriate;

Be it Resolved, that Faculty Senate supports the processes and procedures that were developed collaboratively by the UC Registrar, UCit, and UC Bookstore personnel to provide this information, in compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act *and* which include:

1. UC Bookstore provides ISBN and retail price of course textbooks to Registrar, 2. Faculty order course textbooks prior to course registration date according to timeline provided by Registrar, and 3. Textbook ISBN and retail price information be available on Registrar website at time of Registration.