

Joint Resolution No. 3
Textbook Costs

WHEREAS, the students of Oklahoma and their parents are financially strained because of the overall cost of higher education due, in part, to the expenses incurred by the required purchase of highly priced textbooks; and,

WHEREAS, the financial strain may be less cumbersome if students had the opportunity to find the best price for course materials; and,

WHEREAS, oftentimes students purchase required textbooks and materials that are not subsequently used in the classroom or referenced on tests; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the aforementioned issues, a majority of students do not purchase their books until the beginning week of classes in efforts to ensure they purchase the appropriate text for the desired course.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Advisory Board to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education:

THAT institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education adopt a policy that would make it mandatory to have the costs, name and edition of texts, ISBN numbers, author's names, and course material prices for textbooks offered at the campus bookstore printed on syllabi or comprehensive course materials lists for all sections.

THAT colleges and universities be required to make this textbook information accessible through their web sites, or in a fashion of communication appropriate to the individual campuses, that is commensurate with the student needs.

THAT the syllabi also incorporate the degree to which listed course textbooks and materials will be used in the course.

THAT the syllabi be available no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the start of classes each semester.

Markesha Polk, Chair
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Verified by the President of the OSGA, 2006-2007

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