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Textbook Affordability

- FAU will endeavor to effectively communicate to students when textbooks are available.

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Anonymous input may be required in some departments and not in all. This is a burden to a core selection committee willing to openly dialogue about the options.

Suggested re-write:

- The committee should solicit input (for instance anonymous survey or open discussion) on the items under consideration from all faculty teaching the course, take the input under consideration, and then select the textbooks and instructional materials for further consideration.

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Textbook Selection

- The University shall make available resources to determine copyright issues related the use of Canvas or other learning management systems.

Self-Authored Textbooks

- Replace the title and additional verbiage of “Self-Authored Textbooks” with Self-Authored Textbooks, Works, and Materials

Replace the first paragraph with:

- Requiring the use of a textbook, work, or material written by the instructor of the course, by a relative of the instructor, or by a team of authors that includes the instructor, is considered a conflict of interest when the potential royalty income exceeds \$500 (Section 112.313, Florida Statutes) per year. If a faculty member wishes to use a textbook, work, or material under these circumstances and will receive more than \$500 in one year from that use, he or she must request permission from a designee by the Provost in writing.

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This committee recommends the Provost to specify what statement he wants in the syllabus. Consistent language in the syllabi for royalty support: “Faculty who require self-authored textbooks should include a statement in their syllabi indicating that royalties from FAU students are placed in a scholarship fund. The statement should specify the scholarship fund the author’s royalties support.”

Other Instructional Materials

- This committee recommends to delete this paragraph because it is outside the scope of a textbook policy.

Textbook Selection Form

- Not every academic unit has a Department Chair.

Additional Recommendations

- This committee recommends to separate the procedures from the descriptions.
- This committee recommends the Provost coming up with an agreed upon process on what the royalty is.
- This committee recommends the Provost developing a specific time table for the usage of the form for all faculty.
- This committee recommends the form being made available electronically.