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**Resolution on  
TEXTBOOKS**

For Possible Consideration by the Montana Board of Regents

In order to assist students with the significant increase in textbook costs, the Montana Board of Regents adopts the following resolution that:

- encourages bookstore managers throughout the Montana University System to work together to share “best practices” and provide students with the information and tools to make good purchasing decisions;
- encourages the campuses of the Montana University System to explore incentives that reward faculty for early textbook adoption and penalize them for late adoption; the incentives should include a process to provide faculty with more information on textbook prices, market resale projections, and substantive content differences and suggested alternative texts if available;
- supports the efforts of bookstore managers and their professional organizations to encourage publishers to “debundle” textbook-related materials, to produce new editions only when necessary, to fully disclose the percentage of new material in new editions, and to move forward on intellectual property discussions;
- recommends that at least one copy of every required textbook be put on reserve in the campus library;
- recommends that student governments consider including, in their faculty evaluations, questions about the use and value of required textbooks, if that information is not already collected.

In addition, the Montana Board of Regents should consider the importance and need for system-wide policies concerning textbooks. Two possible policies include:

- the disclosure and publication of all ISBN numbers for required textbooks;
- adoption of a policy governing faculty authors who require their textbooks or other personally-created materials in their classes.

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