

UNIVERSITY SENATE ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: *Bookstore* 2015-2016

Number of Meetings Held this Year: 2

Committee Chair: Anthony Hostetter

Committee Members: (list here)

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| Tighe, Karla L. | Sun, Qian | Sacchetta, Robert J. |
| Ranganathan, S. | McGlynn, Charles D | Jahn-Clough, Lisa Ellen |
| Duren, Samuel Robert | Carrasco, Gonzalo A. | Tanya Harmer |
| John Styles | | |
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Purpose of/Charge to Committee:

Mediates faculty, student and bookstore relations and concerns. This committee provides an ongoing evaluation of staffing levels of the bookstore, works on improving the perceptions about the bookstore's work, both within the bookstore and externally among the rest of the campus, and facilitates cooperation of the faculty with bookstore needs and the bookstore with faculty and student needs.

Summary of Activities this Year:

At our first meeting held on November 30, we elected Anthony Hostetter as chair and discussed our concerns with the bookstore and textbooks.

At our 2nd meeting, John Styles and Tanya Harmer addressed our concerns. They presented information from the Higher Education Opportunity Act Textbook provision. They also discussed the Barnes and Nobel website. They provided a list of available textbook options including: new, used, digital, and rental options. These options allow students to choose how they get textbooks. They stressed the importance of getting early book orders, which allows them to shop early for used textbooks. The local store can lose their inventory if orders are not in early, which leads to higher prices for students.

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SUGGESTIONS:

The committee suggests that faculty should do their best to get book orders to the bookstore as early as possible. This allows the bookstore to secure used books before inventory runs out. Also, it allows the bookstore to keep used inventory currently in stock.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Given that the bookstore is a private enterprise, no longer run by the university, the charge of this committee should be edited. It seems that, "This committee provides an ongoing evaluation of staffing levels of the bookstore, works on improving the perceptions about the bookstore's work, both within the bookstore and externally among the rest of the campus," is no longer relevant. Is this committee needed at all?