

ULC held its first meeting of the semester on Feb. 5, 2007, looking briefly at a number of issues. We learned that as of two days before the start of the spring semester, books for more than 500 classes had not been ordered through the University Bookstore. This affects the price of textbooks for students.

1) If faculty order their textbooks by the deadline set by the Bookstore, students who sell their books to the Bookstore during buy-back receive 50% of the price they paid for the book (new or used). After discussion with the ULC last fall, the Bookstore agreed to expand this policy. Since courses are frequently taught every other semester, effective for the fall '07 semester, this policy will include the entire next academic year. In other words, if faculty order their textbooks by the deadline set by the Bookstore for the following semester, or if they inform the Bookstore they will use the same textbook within the next academic year, students will be able to receive 50% of the price they paid for the book during buy-back.

This is one way faculty can help lower the cost of textbooks for students.

2) The more textbooks students sell back to the Bookstore during buy-back, the more used books are available on the shelves. Used books are sold at 25% off the price of new textbooks. Therefore, again, if your order is placed on time, students are more likely to sell their textbooks to the Bookstore for a 50% return, and those textbooks will appear on the shelves at a 25% discount for the next student who purchases them.

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3) Students who choose to have their financial aid awards distributed to their podium accounts may only purchase their books at the University Bookstore. We understand some faculty choose to place their book orders with bookstores other than the University Bookstore. For the convenience of those students who choose to have their financial aid disbursed on their podium accounts, we ask that you place an order for at least a small quantity of all of the textbooks you order with the University Bookstore.

This is a way faculty can help students effectively and conveniently use their financial aid.