

AGC Decision Form

7.3 Instructional Materials Policy Approved by AGC Executive Committee

Decision

On April 12, 2022, the AGC membership voted to endorse the 7.3 Instructional Materials Policy with multiple changes that adjust the procedures sections to comply with federal regulations (Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008), specifically language in Sections X-B and X-D of that were deemed vague and contradictory. Other changes in Policy 7.3 were made with the intent of improving clarity.

Here is a link to the document with changes:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wQZdf4HU0fVbclbKB9C2-xTNa_dZnhgnzYtuVoCCA1Q/edit

Note: the only change to the actual policy statement is in III.B.6. The new language reads:

Variation from this policy and unusual materials selection circumstances shall be resolved with the Department Head/Program Director and if necessary, with the mediation of appropriate Dean or Associate Dean.

Sponsor/Champion of Proposed Policy

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Rationale

A request to evaluate the policy was the result of information gathered during the Bookstore RFP process and stakeholder feedback (i.e., student focus group, faculty survey, follow-up faculty interviews on course pack use).

Supporting Data

As a result of the RFP process, GRCC changed bookstore vendors during the 2021-22 academic year. (Barnes and Noble will replace Follett Inc. on June 1, 2022.) Stakeholder feedback identified vague and contradictory language re: unassigned sections and language that was non-compliant with the Textbook Provisions of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008.

Implications for Action

The updated policy language will be implemented for the start of the Fall 2022 semester.

Following the ‘Response from Provost’, the 7.3 Policy will need to be updated with the changes provided vis a vis the linked document in the ‘Decision’ section above. The Policy Review Team will also need to consider if any updates to the procedures need to be made in light of the policy review and ‘Response for Provost’.

Date of Decision by AGC

Date: 4/12/22
97% Yes
0% No
3% Abstain

Section to be Completed by the Provost

Evaluation Plan

Next scheduled review during 2024-2025 academic year

Response from Provost

Approved for immediate implementation.



Brian Knetl, Provost

9/12/22
Date