Higher Education Opportunity Act

What does it mean to you?

It’s a FEDERAL LAW

Effective July 1, 2010

Purpose & Intent

Ensure that students have access to affordable course materials by decreasing costs to students and enhancing transparency and disclosure with respect to course materials.

All involved parties, including publishers, must work together to identify ways to decrease the cost of college course materials while supporting the academic freedom of faculty members to select high quality materials for students.

Changes for Faculty

Faculty must provide the Bookstore with their selected Required & Optional course materials list by the established due dates each term.

Faculty must provide the Bookstore with any and all supplemental course material lists by the established due date each term. This would include anything the student will be required to purchase for the class “outside of normal school supplies.” Examples are: jump drives, art supplies, specialized tools, calculators, etc.

Changes for Publishers

Publishers must provide the following:

- Net price of the books
- Copyright date history of 3 previous editions
- Description of the revisions made between the current edition & previous edition
- Alternate formats & net pricing

Bundled packages must be available in parts, each separately priced, except for integrated textbooks* (combined with other materials that are so interrelated with the content of the textbook that the separation from other materials would render the textbook unusable for its intended purpose.)

Changes for Bookstore

The Bookstore must provide:

- All course materials, along with ISBN's and pricing on our website BEFORE enrollment & registration begins.
- Supplemental materials for each course will be displayed as lists on our website with pricing if available.

All of us working TOGETHER

If we all meet the expectations of this new law, we will provide our students with complete information to make better decisions regarding their courses. We, ourselves, will be able to make better decisions on the course materials we’ve chosen to educate our students, and we’ll be able to provide better service to all students.

Read it, Live it, Breathe it!