



AGENDA ITEM BACKGROUND

TO: <b>GOVERNING BOARD</b>		DATE <b>January 12, 2009</b>
FROM: <b>PRESIDENT</b>		
SUBJECT: <b>Textbook Rental Program Update</b>		ENCLOSURE(S) <b>Page 1 of 1</b>
REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION <b>INFORMATION</b>	ITEM NUMBER	

**BACKGROUND:**

The continuing effort to increase access to, and affordability of, textbooks to Cabrillo students has resulted in a pilot “Textbook Rental Program” that will be delivered through the Bookstore this spring semester.

In conjunction with the Student Senate, faculty, and staff, the Bookstore will establish this program to reach out to students who cannot afford the upfront cost of purchasing a new or used textbook. The most cost effective way of procuring textbooks for students is still the purchase of a used book at the beginning of the semester with the ability to sell it back at the end of the semester. This program will, however, assist students who cannot afford the initial 75% cost of a used textbook.

The Student Senate and Faculty Senate have both shown strong support for the program including generous donations to fund the up-front costs of purchasing the initial set of textbooks; the Student Senate donated \$20,000 and the Faculty Senate \$3,000. The program is designed to be sustainable. If the pilot program is successful, more funding would allow the program to be expanded in the future.

This model will allow textbooks to be rented for the semester for 40% of the new price. Three titles have been identified and adopted by faculty and should be on the shelves for the start of the spring semester.

<b>Administrator Initiating Item:</b> <b>Robin Ellis</b> <b>Pegi Ard</b>	<b>Academic and Professional Matter</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Final Disposition</b>
	<b>If yes, Faculty Senate Agreement</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<b>Senate President Signature</b>	