Policy for Instructors Assigning Their Own Textbooks

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RESOLVED: that the Academic Senate recommend to the President that the policy for instructors assigning their own textbooks and instructional materials be modified in the University Handbook as follows:

202.3 203.3 Purchase of Instructional Material/Textbooks
Instructors are expected to notify the University bookstore in a timely manner of any materials required for a course, and all course reading packets shall be sold made available through the University bookstore. Students shall not be required to purchase materials from which the instructor of the class derives monetary profit, unless approved by and the school curriculum committee and by the faculty of the department or program in which the course is taught and the school curriculum committee. Department chairs and school curriculum committees are responsible for monitoring this policy.

RATIONALE: In order to protect students it is necessary to present a clear ethical statement that seeks to prevent any real or perceived economic conflict of interest in textbook assignments. This policy follows language of the American Association of American University Professors.

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