UNIVERSITY POLICY
FACULTY USE OF SELF-AUTHORED TEXTBOOKS

POLICY

This policy stipulates how self-authored textbooks can be used by faculty in a way that supports the academic goals of the class while avoiding conflict of interest or the appearance of such.

PROCEDURES

1. **Self- or group-authored books (or books authored under a pseudonym) that are commercially published**: if used in a course offered by a Slippery Rock University department, must be pre-approved in writing by the author's chair or a department committee to ensure no conflict of interest exists.

2. **Self- or group-authored course materials (or course materials authored under a pseudonym) that are not available commercially**: if used in a course offered by a Slippery Rock University department, must be priced based on reasonable production costs only (faculty or group manuscript authors cannot charge royalties), and must be pre-approved in writing by the author's chair or a department committee to ensure no conflict of interest exists. The author(s) of the materials will donate an electronic copy to Bailey Library to be placed on electronic reserve.

3. All required student course materials will be available for sale through the Slippery Rock University Student Government Association (SGA) bookstore.

SANCTIONS

Complaints that a faculty member is not complying with this policy will result in an Article 43 investigation with possible disciplinary action.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Academic department chair and dean, with referral to the provost as appropriate.

SCOPE OF POLICY COVERAGE

This policy applies to all faculty.

Authority for creation and revision

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