Textbook Cost Resolution

Over the past few months, the Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate has investigated policies and practices related to the high cost of books and the impact of these costs on Texas A&M University Students. As a result of this review and subsequent discussions, the Academic Affairs Committee recommends the Faculty Senate adopt the following resolution.

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Texas A&M University understands and is sensitive to the rising cost of higher education and the impact that textbook costs have on the cost of attending college. In response to this concern, the Faculty Senate encourages all faculty to make a good faith effort to practice methods of limiting textbook costs to students. Such practices may include, but are not limited to:

- Consideration of the cost of the book when making a textbook selection and consideration of the total cost of books required for a course
- Use of the same textbook and edition for the same course for two years
- Make early textbook selections (within the timeline presented by the MSC Bookstore) so that students can sell back books that will be used again and the Bookstore can purchase appropriate quantities of used books.
- Review Evans Library holdings for the availability of electronic books when making selections
- Post self-published textbooks and resource packets in public domain (Evans Library staff can assist with this)