



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3359-20-05.3 Textbooks, teaching aids, supplies, offices, and classrooms.

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(A) Textbook selection.

(1) Although selection of textbooks is the prerogative of the instructor(s) and subject to departmental policies, faculty members must keep in mind their responsibilities to students in choosing textbooks. Textbooks should be selected carefully, and cost should be kept as low as possible while maintaining quality education. No textbook should be required by an instructor for any class if it is to be used only for occasional consultation. Faculty should remember that requiring the purchase of a textbook places an obligation upon them to ensure that that text is an integral and extensively used part of the course.

(2) Changes of textbooks should be made only for sound pedagogical reasons. Normally textbooks should be retained by an instructor for at least one year. Last minute changes in book orders should be avoided, since such alterations are inconsiderate of both students and those responsible for the ordering and stocking of course materials.

(3) Faculty members may opt into or opt out of the following textbook auto-adoption policy, with allowance to include only specified courses while excluding others. In the event that a faculty member has opted into the textbook auto-adoption policy and has not identified a textbook and other teaching materials prior to the first day of class registration, the university bookstore may assume that the faculty member will use the same textbook (including edition and format) and other materials they had used the last time they taught the course if the following three conditions are met:

(a) The individual faculty member (or, for team taught courses, a specific team of faculty) who has been identified to teach a course in an upcoming semester has taught the course within the past two academic years;

(b) The university bookstore references this policy and makes at least one attempt to notify the faculty member (by both email and campus mail at least two weeks prior to the first day of class



registration) of its intent to assume they will use the same textbook (including edition and format) and other materials they had used the last time they taught the course; and

(c) The university bookstore references this policy and makes at least one attempt to notify the faculty member (by both email and campus mail within one week of making that assumption) that it has assumed that they will use the same textbook (including edition and format) and other materials they had used the last time they taught the course.

In the event that a faculty member has not been identified when students are first able to register for a course, the university bookstore may also assume that a subsequently identified faculty member will use the same textbook (including edition and format) and other materials they had used the last time they taught the course after the adoption deadline if the first and third conditions are met and it has made at least one attempt to notify the faculty member of its intent to do so at least two weeks prior to making the assumption.

(B) Teaching aids.

(1) The university operates FM station WZIP and faculty members may present programs over this medium.

(2) Computer services are available for faculty use, particularly in research activities, according to computer center policy and resource limitations.

(3) The learning technologies and scholar/learner services under the vice president for information technologies assists in the development of computer-based education software and the preparation of non-broadcast educational videotapes, original artwork, and photographic materials for faculty in support of classroom instruction along with films, slide/sound sequences, and multi-image presentations.

(4) Teaching aids such as slides, graphs, film strips, and videotapes and audio/visual equipment are distributed by audio visual services.

(C) Supplies and requisitions.



- (1) The director of purchasing is authorized to commit the university for all purchases of goods and services. Commitments by any other member of the faculty or staff are in direct violation of the guidelines established by the board. Commitments made outside of these guidelines are not binding on the university and invoices covering these commitments may not be honored.

- (2) University requisition forms are provided by the purchasing department and must be used for all purchases of goods or services. Completed requisitions are to be forwarded to the purchasing department for processing and should include an accurate description of the material or service desired, suggested vendors, approximate cost, required delivery date and location, account code to be charged, and authorized signatures.

- (3) The purchasing department follows bidding procedures as required by the state of Ohio and the university board of trustees. Any specifications, quotations, or correspondence pertaining to the desired purchase should be forwarded to the purchasing department with the requisition. The final selection of sources and vendors is the responsibility of the director of Purchasing. Sources suggested by the departments will be used whenever economically feasible.

- (4) If a department wishes a rush order, they should deliver the completed requisition to the purchasing department. Departments should realize that rush should be used only when absolutely necessary.

- (5) After the order has been placed, the vendor receives an official university of Akron purchase order and the requisitioning department is sent a weekly computer printout which shows by account number all purchases made during the previous week.

- (6) All deliveries to central stores will be received, checked, logged, and forwarded to the proper department. Central stores should be notified immediately of any shortage, damage, or incorrect material received. Vendors should send all invoices to the purchasing department. If a department receives an invoice by mistake, it should be returned to the purchasing department for payment.

- (7) Some miscellaneous office supplies and furniture can be purchased directly from central stores. A supplies catalog listing all items carried and their approximate costs is issued periodically to each



department. A department wishing to buy such items from central stores should send a requisition describing the materials requested. All orders will be delivered by special services.

(8) The sale or disposal of any item is the responsibility of the director of purchasing. If a department has items they wish to dispose of, they should send a requisition to the purchasing department explaining exactly what action is needed.

(D) University offices and classrooms.

(1) Requests for permission to change classrooms must be directed to the registrar. No change in classroom from that assigned on the regular schedule may be made without the permission of the registrar. Permission to use any classrooms for any purpose must be obtained from the registrar.

(2) Offices are provided by the university for all full-time faculty members and are assigned as needed. Each faculty member is expected to establish regular office hours and post classroom and office schedules on standard university forms.

(3) Office and classroom furniture and equipment should not be removed from the assigned room without notifying property accounting. Whenever a faculty member wishes to transfer equipment, service from the department of physical facilities should be requested. Custodians are authorized to make temporary shifts in the location of classroom chairs. Any damaged, malfunctioning, or lost equipment should be reported to the department of physical facilities.

(4) All requests for use of university facilities, other than for regularly scheduled classes, must be directed to the office of the vice president for finance and administration. As the conference and meeting rooms are used frequently, faculty members are advised to schedule rooms well ahead of the times when they are needed. The serving of beverages and/or food should be arranged beforehand through the appropriate office.