

FACULTY SENATE

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE BILL 26-A-8

Approved by the Faculty Senate
11/19/2025

BRIEF SUMMARY: This bill revises a section regarding Textbook Procedures in Chapter 3 of the *Faculty Handbook* to allow textbook rental for graduate courses.

**ACTION OF BILL: Revising Textbook Procedures to Allow Textbook Rental for
Graduate Courses**

TEXTBOOK RENTAL POLICY

1 Textbooks available through the Textbook Rental Department shall be adopted for a period of
2 two calendar years with a limit of one book per course and with all sections of a course using the
3 same text. A variance of the limit of one book per course is automatically granted for:

- 4 1. Five-hour Courses
- 5 2. Multi-volume sets, with a maximum of three volumes
- 6 3. Interdisciplinary Courses
- 7 4. Graduate Courses

8 Requests for exceptions from these procedures must be approved by the department chair and
9 college dean in consultation with the Textbook Rental Department and should be based on
10 academic need. Textbook adoptions will be processed in the order received, followed by
11 exceptions to the policy until the budget limit for new acquisitions is reached. If the budget limit
12 has been reached, the chair and college dean of the affected department should consult with the
13 Textbook Rental Department to determine whether the previous textbook(s) must continue to be
14 used. All faculty teaching sections of the same course should consult on and agree to use the
15 same textbook and additional materials. Newly hired faculty wishing to change a textbook for a
16 course not taught by other faculty should consult with their department chair and the Textbook
17 Rental Department. ~~Textbooks for graduate courses (600 level or higher) are ineligible for rental~~
18 ~~and must be made available for purchase through the Southeast Bookstore.~~ Faculty will submit
19 textbooks requisitions to their department chair prior to the mid-semester deadline for the
20 upcoming term, so chairs can submit the department's requisitions to the Textbook Rental
21 Department and the University Bookstore by the submission date. Departments must notify the
22 Textbook Rental Department of new textbooks, textbooks which are being terminated and no
23 longer need to be stored/retained, and any courses exclusively using A&OER. Exact submission
24 dates will be communicated by the Textbook Rental Department. A list of departments whose
25 requisitions have not been submitted by the deadline will be forwarded to the college deans for
26 follow-up. Faculty should contact publishers directly for desk copies. However, copies of texts

may be available to loan to faculty or graduate assistants only if extra copies are in inventory. Loaned copies must be returned in good condition within 14 days of the end of the semester or the department offering the course will be charged the cost of replacement. The affected department may require reimbursement from the person to whom the loan was issued. Detailed policies and procedures for the Textbook Rental Department can be found at www.semo.edu/textbookrental

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