Bookstore and Bookstore Commissions

(a) Bookstore operations. All financial transactions pertaining to bookstore operations shall be accounted for in a proprietary institutional account and kept separate from all other activities of the college. At least every four years, the board of trustees of each college shall review the college’s mark-up on textbooks and other instructional materials sold through the bookstore to determine if the mark-up is appropriately balanced between affordability for students and other priorities identified by the local board of trustees.

(b) Use of bookstore operating revenues. Bookstore receipts shall first be used to support bookstore operating expenses including, but not limited to salaries and benefits of bookstore personnel, purchase of inventory, marketing, supplies, travel, equipment associated with the operation of the bookstore, enhancement of the bookstore, and bookstore facility support costs, such as, utilities, housekeeping, maintenance, and security.

(c) Excess bookstore revenues. Receipts in excess of the above operating expenses shall be transferred to the appropriate account and expended consistent with the following provisions:

1. Funds may be used to support instruction, student support services, student financial aid (e.g. scholarships, grants, loans, Work Study), student refunds, student activities, giveaways to students, curriculum development, program improvement, professional development, instructional equipment, and capital improvements related to facilities associated with the bookstore and student activities.

2. Funds shall not be used to support any supplemental salary, benefit, or other form of compensation for the college president. Funds shall not be used to support administrative costs, promotional giveaways to individuals other than students, entertainment expenses, fundraising expenses, and capital improvements not allowed under (c)(1) above.

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