

Faculty Affairs Committee

NEW VERSION - Clean

IV I. Use of Faculty Authored, Edited Or Prepared Scholarly Material

Faculty members are expected to educate our students using the best scholarly materials and knowledge available. In some cases, this will result in faculty producing materials, such as textbooks or unpublished laboratory manuals, for student purchase. Selection of required materials must only be done to promote appropriate educational goals and must not be done for personal benefit or to obtain special privileges for faculty (RCW 42.52.030).

WSU policy: Students may be required to use textbooks or other material written or created by WSU faculty. However, the faculty member may not receive any financial gain, directly or indirectly, from sales to WSU students. This policy applies whether the material is self-published or copyrighted by a recognized publishing house. Further, this policy applies only in those situations within the faculty member's control or influence, e.g. required for students in the faculty member's own class, or, if faculty is member of an advisory group that advises on material for courses taught by other faculty and his/her material is in the recommended list. Faculty members may be in compliance with this policy if any royalties are waived or, if received, are either directed to or remitted by the publishing house or by personal check from the faculty member to a University gift account not under the faculty member's control. Disclosure of the activity and evidence of options elected to ensure compliance with ethics rules should be made on the annual report of consultant and extended professional activities (BPPM 60.44) and remitted to the appropriate department chair or other supervisor by November 1 of each year. Evidence of compliance may include either a statement from the publishing house that no royalties were remitted, or, a statement of royalties paid from publishing house and receipt of deposit to gift account. Should the faculty member receive royalties from authored material used in both a course within his/her control or influence and in other courses for which there's no engagement in material decisions, a reasonable estimation of the amounts attributed to class assignment should accompany the annual report of disclosure and adjustments made to gifted amount accordingly.

PREVIOUS VERSION:

IV I. Use of Faculty Authored, Edited Or Prepared Scholarly Material

Faculty members are expected to educate our students using the best scholarly materials and knowledge available. In some cases, this will result in faculty producing materials, such as textbooks or unpublished laboratory manuals, for student purchase. Requiring the use of faculty authored materials must only be done to promote appropriate educational goals. It must not be done for personal benefit or to obtain special privileges for faculty (See the Ethics in Public Service Act, RCW 42.52). Faculty members may not sell any materials directly to students. Students may be required to use textbooks or other material written by WSU faculty only if:

- the faculty member receives no financial gain from sales to WSU students, or
- the materials are printed and copyrighted by a recognized publishing house and either in widespread use in other institutions or with evidence of independent external review by peers, or
- the materials are reviewed and approved for use by a group designated by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. A request for review and approval must be submitted every five (5) years or at the issuance of a new edition or whichever comes first.