

ACADEMIC POLICY & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

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Textbook Affordability

Textbooks and Instructional Materials Affordability and Transparency
Annual Report 2022-2023

Textbook Adoptions Cost and Posting Requirements

Semester	Total Course Sections	Course Sections with No Textbook Cost	Course Sections with Low* Textbook Cost
Fall 2022	7,612	3,570 (47%)	1,780 (23%)
Spring 2023	7,443	3,635 (48%)	1,939 (26%)

*\$20 per credit or less

Semester	Total Course Sections Evaluated	Course Sections Identified as Exceptions*	Course Sections Meeting the Posting Requirement	Course Sections Not Meeting the Posting Requirement**
Fall 2022	5,239	2,373	4,986 (95%)	253 (5%)
Spring 2023	5,093	2,350	4,940 (97%)	153 (3%)

*i.e. internships, supervised teaching and dissertation type courses; sections for which the instructor was hired after the legal deadline

**i.e. new or modified adoptions due to adoption entry error

Semester	Students Benefitting from the PBP Flat Rate	PBP Savings to Students
Fall 2022	25,242	\$3,789,032
Spring 2023	24,105	\$2,339,513

Regular Annual Report - Not Considering the Panther Book Pack (PBP) Program Impact

Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability and Transparency
(1004.085 FS)

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(BOG Reg. 8.003)

All required and recommended textbooks and instructional materials, as well as UCC syllabi, may be viewed, searched and downloaded at <http://tim.fiu.edu>

Panther Book Pack Program Impact

An FIU-Barnes & Noble First Day / Inclusive Access Initiative





Panther Book Pack

Fall 2022 - Spring 2023 Review



Panther Book Pack has had a positive impact on student success by ensuring students have access to all their course materials on or before the first day of class. The program has helped alleviate affordability concerns, boost preparedness and reduce unnecessary stress towards better student outcomes.

FIU Students Saved
\$6,128,545.59
In Fall 2022 - Spring 2023

IMPACT ON STUDENT OUTCOMES†

92%

said the program **saved them time** in shopping for course materials because they are all in one place

86%

said with this program, they were **better prepared** for the academic term

83%

said that the program had a **positive impact on their academic success**

91%

Found it **convenient** to have their course materials bundled and delivered through the program

83%

felt the program provided them with **more affordable** course materials

89%

Said they were **likely to recommend** the program to other students

†First Day Complete Program
Student Success Survey June 2023
N=3,976



Other Textbook Affordability Initiatives



Launched in June 2016, the **Affordability Counts (AC)** initiative spearheaded by FIU Online in partnership with the FIU Libraries, and the Center for the Advancement of Teaching, acknowledges faculty who use low- or no-cost course materials at \$20 or less per credit hour. Qualifying courses earn the AC medallion.

SUS partners who have signed on to this initiative include FAMU, FAU, UCF, UNF, USF and Lake Sumter College. A searchable database of all AC courses in Florida is at <https://affordabilitycounts.org>.

2,718 course sections across the participating SUS institutions earned the “Affordability Counts” medallion by submitting their courses to this initiative.

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Enrollment Services

3,802 students received **\$1.2M** in financial aid book advances

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Libraries

No-cost access to **4.7M+** items in e-format, **1,160** databases, and **12,027** items on course reserve

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Law

Students saved in excess of **\$313K** through subscription-based resources provided by the College of Law library

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The combined efforts of these units help us keep the cost of textbooks and instructional materials low in general and maintain the Panther Book Pack flat rate of \$20