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STUDENTS GET MORE AFFORDABLE OPTIONS WITH EARLY TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS

Houston, November 15, 2011 – Students can save money when textbooks are selected early for courses before the start of the new semester. The UH Bookstore is working to collect all textbook adoptions for courses in order to provide affordable options for students and comply with the federal Higher Education Opportunity Act.

When textbook commitments are provided early, the UH Bookstore has enough time to order all available options for that book, whether new, used, digital or rental, before the start of the semester. Students can also see what textbooks and materials will be needed before they sign up for a course. Also, if a textbook will be used the following semester, the student can receive up to 50 percent of the original selling price for the buyback.

A textbook provision was added to the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) in July 2010 that included stipulations on textbook assignments in order to help students know the textbook costs for a course and allow them time to find alternative purchasing options. Texas also recently passed the House Bill 33 that provides similar stipulations on textbook adoptions which will go into effect for fall 2012. The deadline for textbook adoptions for the Spring 2012 semester according to HEOA was October 21. The UH Bookstore has been working to communicate with faculty and department leaders in order to gather textbook information. However, at the time of release, 43 percent of orders have been received.

It is time to turn in textbook orders with the UH Bookstore for Spring 2012 in order to help provide all affordable options for our students and to also help our campus be compliant with federal legislation. To provide course textbook information, submit textbook requests online at www.uh.bncollege.com under the “Faculty” tab or send an email to tm510@bncollege.com. Please include the book title, ISBN, course/section and enrollment information with all requests.

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