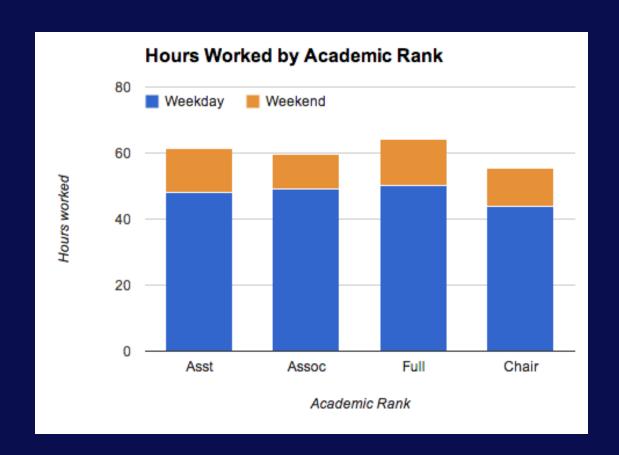
Changes in the Course Materials Process and Landscape

Update for the Faculty Senate October 6, 2015

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First things first.





Beginning in December, students will have the ability to charge up to \$1,000 each semester toward their e-bill for course materials and supplies.



THIS IS AFFORDABILITY.

THIS IS ACCESSABILITY.

THIS IS AVAILABILITY.



We need your help.

- Understand how textbook request system is built
- Responsiveness to Bookstore requests for course material information
- Understand how course material process has changed and how time-sensitive process has become
- "Teamwork—coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success." Henry Ford



Our starting point

Since Fall 2011:

- Requests in the six weeks leading to the first day of class average 38 percent of total orders for a given semester
- The average number of student seats affected by these orders is 29,221
- Student and parent feedback has risen dramatically during this period in the form of complaints and requests for information
- The Auburn University Bookstore is designated as the sole source point for distribution of course material information



State of the Bookstore

- Institutionally-owned and operated
- Low-profit operation in course materials
- Focus on student outcomes and choice
- Operational excellence



Last year, we put over \$1.1 million back in your pockets in savings on textbooks.

2011: \$859,000

2012: \$910,000

2013: \$1,114,000

WAR EAGLE TO THAT!





Secret to Success

Transparency

Savings

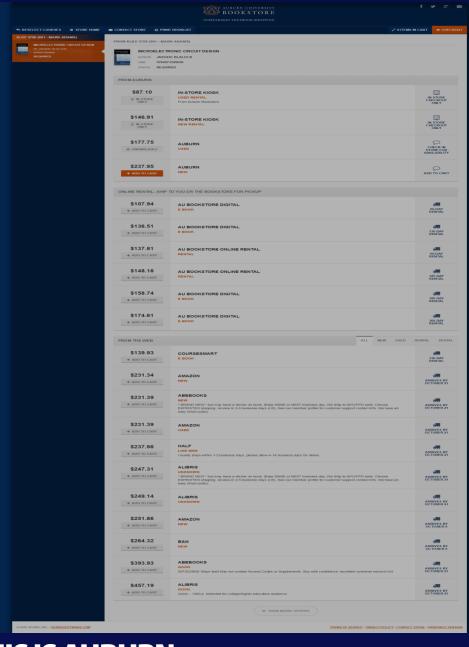
Choice

Cooperation

Innovation

RELATIONSHIPS





Bookstore purchase and rental options

Rental and digital options from online partners

Prices from online vendors including Amazon, Half, CourseSmart(digital)



THIS IS AUBURN.

Call to Action

- Sense of urgency in goals to collect timely and complete information
 - Feedback always encouraged and welcomed
 - Unity in purpose moving forward



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