## Faculty Senate Resolution 2004-05-03 TEXTBOOK ROYALTIES

Whereas the best interests of the University are served by reducing the potential for conflicts of interest, and

Whereas a situation in which an instructor gains financial profit from the assignment of course materials presents a possible conflict of interest,

Therefore be it resolved that the University adopt the following policy:

Faculty members should not profit financially from recommending or requiring the purchase of course materials by their students. Faculty members who would otherwise receive royalties or other remuneration from the purchase of books or materials that they recommend or require in courses they teach should either refund the money to the students or make other arrangements (such as transferring it to Christopher Newport University or one of its units, to The University Foundation, or to another not-for-profit organization or charitable cause) to avoid profiting from their students' use of the materials.

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