

## **SEC. 112.**

## **SEC. 133. TEXTBOOK INFORMATION**

In compliance with Section 133 in the Higher Education Act, the Campus Store worked closely with Nebraska Book Company to fulfill the necessary provisions to meet the July 2010 deadline.

**PURPOSE AND INTENT:** The purpose of section 133 is to insure that students have access to affordable course materials by decreasing costs to students and enhancing transparency and disclosure with respect to the selection, purchase, sale, and use of course materials. It is the intent of the Campus Store to encourage all of the involved parties, including faculty, students, and administrators to work together to identify ways to decrease the cost of college textbooks and supplemental materials for students while supporting the academic freedom of the faculty members to select high quality course materials for students.

Used textbooks and rental books offer the most cost-effective way for students to purchase their textbooks. By partnering with Nebraska Book Company, we have developed a relationship that has allowed us to be more competitive in the wholesale marketplace. We continue to advertise our buy-back program, textbook rentals, as well as other cost-saving strategies through online advertisement and traditional flyer/banner promotions.

Historical Requisitions are sent to each department for the subsequent academic period to encourage them to provide the information needed to the Campus Store for early textbook adoption. Early textbook adoptions allow the Campus Store to be more competitive in the used book marketplace. Students gain leverage buying and selling their books to the Campus Store thus creating more reasons for a student to come into the Campus Store, including higher buyback prices and greater used book inventory.

**CAMPUS HUB:** An e-commerce service already in place in the Nebraska WebPRISM system.

WebPRISM allows us to enter textbook adoptions from each faculty member and department electronically from their requisitions. Within WebPRISM we are able to control and set term maintenance and course schedules to post before each subsequent semester.

Under Textbook options a student is able to go to the Campus Store website and input their student identification number and view a schedule for required and recommended textbooks and supplemental material.

- > The International Standard Books Number (ISBN) and retail price, for both new and used textbooks is posted.
- > If the ISBN is not known, the author, title, and copyright date is also available.
- > If such disclosure is not practicable or the Campus Store determines that this information is not available, then the Campus Store will post the designation "To Be Determined."

**Updated Textbook Prices and Adoptions:** When the price of a new or used textbook is updated in course requests in WinPRISM, the updated price and information will automatically be sent to WebPRISM. The updated information will be reflected on the Web site within 30 minutes of the change. If a change is made somewhere other than course requests, the update will occur once a day.

The message “No Books Available” will appear when no textbook information for a specific department, course and section is included in the textbook term. The default message “Please check back at the Campus Store later for more information” will appear in the title field.

A link to the Campus Store will be provided on the University’s web site referencing textbook information and availability. It is the faculty who determine the required textbooks and supplemental materials for each course offered by the University.