

*Academic Governing Council*  
Decision Form

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*This form is to be used when the Academic Governing Council makes a decision on an issue. This form is sent to the Provost.*

**Decision:**

The AGC voted to approve the revision of Textbook Policy 7.3

**Rationale:**

Departments/Programs and instructors need to have clear direction in dealing with use and ordering of textbooks, course packs, instructional materials, and supplies, while ensuring the materials meet the College's commitment to equal access for all students.

**Supporting Data:**

A review of past practices at GRCC, best practices at other institutions, implications of the Higher Education Opportunity Act, rising cost of textbooks, and emerging technological changes in the delivery of content, were all considered in the review and updating of this policy.

**Implications for Action:**

The policy outlines the role of the Department/Program in making textbooks and materials decisions and the role of the Department Head/Program Directors in implementing those decisions. The policy also integrates the need for equal access to learning materials as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendment, Section 504 of the Civil Rights Act of 1973 in a way that allows for continued interpretation and implementation of that mandate.

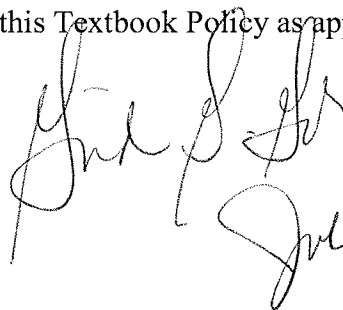
**Evaluation Plan:**

This academic policy should be reviewed again in 2016-2017.

Date of Decision by AGC: April 23, 2013

**Response from Provost:**

The Provost endorses this Textbook Policy as approved by the ABC effective Fall 2013.

  
July 2013