

# Shawnee State University

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3345.025, it is the policy of Shawnee State University to respect the academic freedom of faculty in choosing textbooks and other instructional materials and to encourage efforts to minimize the cost of textbooks and other instructional materials. The applicable procedure shall provide guidance to faculty in implementing this policy by describing the responsibilities and actions faculty may take in selecting and assigning textbooks and other instructional materials.

## 2.0 ACADEMIC FREEDOM

It is the policy of Shawnee State University to respect the academic freedom of faculty to select textbooks and education materials they judge to be most appropriate for their courses and most effective for student learning. Specifically, the University believes faculty should have the right to choose curricular materials and pedagogical techniques within the reasonable boundaries of professional discretion subject to relevant standards of academic merit, teaching effectiveness, and consistency with catalogue course description.

## 3.0 REDUCING STUDENT COST

3.1 It is the policy of Shawnee State University to encourage efforts to minimize the costs of textbooks and other instructional materials for students. Such efforts may include but are not limited to the following:

3.1.1 High quality, open-access sources.

3.1.2 Inclusive-access programs in which students choose to pay a course fee that includes access to below-market price instructional materials available

to students at the beginning of a course. Such programs comply with U.S. Department of Education regulations for the use of Title IV funds.

#### 4.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to all full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate course faculty, including instructors.

Ref: Ohio Revised Code 3345.025: <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3345.025v1>

#### History

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