MOTION TO APPROVE OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE COURSE FEE

BACKGROUND

As part of an effort to increase student retention through the reduced cost of course materials and through immediate access to electronic course materials on the first day of classes, the College has partnered with the State University of New York’s Open Education Resources (OER) Services and the Open SUNY Textbook Services initiative. This partnership provides FM faculty members with unlimited access to OER materials in the Open SUNY catalog. Faculty members can utilize existing textbooks or completely customize the OER material to meet their specific needs. The Open SUNY catalog provides offline access to digital and print-ready files that students can access through the college learning management system (currently Blackboard) on the first day a class is available. Students who wish to purchase a traditional print version of the text may do so through the College Store. The print versions are available at a substantial discount over traditional publisher-sold textbooks.

The cost of this partnership is $10 per student course registration. Only those students who enroll in a course utilizing the OER service would be assessed the fee.

RECOMMENDATION

The President recommends amending the 2016-2017 Tuition and Fee Schedule to include an Open Educational Resource course fee of $10 per course.

Chair
Board of Trustees

12/15/16
Date