

LIBRARY & LEARNING RESOURCES DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Deb Daniels, President
FROM: Marie Mestas, Division Dean, Library & Learning Resources
DATE: 4 October 2010
IN RE: "Wish List" Item

A \$10,000 budget augmentation to the Textbook Bank fund has been approved by Program Review since 2009 but never funded before money ran out. This would bring the total annual amount the Library can spend on providing textbooks for students to \$20,000.

Funding this item would be an invaluable service for many students. From Monday, August 16 to Thursday, September 30 2010, textbooks in the Textbook Bank collection have circulated an incredible 17, 185 times. Some individual in-demand texts have gone out one hundred or more times each(College Algebra=817 circulations; Introduction to Chemistry=368 circulations). This amount of usage damages the books, some beyond mending; students also destroy bindings (and thus, entire books) by pressing them flat in order to copy pages. With some book over \$400, our \$10,000 fund does not go very far stretched over three semesters.

I respectfully request that this addition to the Textbook Bank account be funded as a seriously-needed way to help a great number of SBVC's most needy students.

Thank you for your consideration.