

The bookstore committee has worked towards improving the process for text book ordering. Currently in place are two methods for securing textbook orders, one involving paper forms described by many who use them as “antiquated,” and requiring more data than should necessary. The system makes the ordering process repetitive, cumbersome and time consuming, considering that it must be done each term, for each section of each class.

Academic department heads have expressed an interest in making this process work more effectively by having all ordering done via an online system, ideally a web based system.

The bookstore has implemented an online, web-based ordering system has been working to get departments to adopt it, with, apparently, limited success. This limited adoption rate may be due the fact that all data must be reentered for each class, each section, each time. The data from previous terms is not accessible via the current system. Thus, the online, web-based system has been described as harder that the antiquated paper system.

The bookstore has acknowledged that the residual book ordering data is not currently interfaced with the web ordering system, and is exploring ways to make this possible.

While still a work in progress, an effective, easy to use online system could provide a significant increase in administrative efficiency for all departments.

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