Instructors experience textbook order woes

Some faculty members say UoA Bookstore won’t order additional books

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With the fall semester in full swing, some instructors still don’t have the necessary books for their classes.

Some faculty members have said the UoA Bookstore is refusing to allow them to order additional textbooks, but bookstore officials say that is not true.

English professor Frederick Kiefer said he wants to the bookstore two weeks ago to order 12 additional texts for newly enrolled students in his Renaissance Drama class.

Kiefer said a textbook customer service clerk told him he could no longer order texts, and that his students would have to come in individually to special-order the additional material.

Kiefer said when he asked the clerk why, he was given no explanation and was told students had to come in and order the books themselves.

He did not recall the name of the employee who denied his order request.

Kiefer said he was concerned with students having to specially order their texts because, "students won’t want to be bothered, it’s just one more hassle to put up with." Since then, he has given his students two additional options, suggesting they purchase the books from Internet sources, like amazon.com, or make copies of the renaissance.

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Students angry at report on registration practices

Group says story may keep students from registering to vote in Ariz.

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UA students yesterday demanded the county and state rectify statements broadcast on Fox 11 News, which claimed out-of-state students could become felons if they registered to vote in Arizona.

Though theabilities were denied, students settled for a clarification from the Pima County Recorder, Ann Rodriguez.

The UA Network of Feminist Student Activists said on Aug. 31, Fox 11 News broadcast could discourage out-of-state students from registering, to vote in Arizona and participating in November’s election.

The Fox story, which ran on Aug. 31, claimed the NAACP got out her vetting registration drive on the UA Mall and questioned whether registering out-of-state students who vote in Arizona is illegal.

Pima County Voter Registrar Chris Lord, said the program that out-of-state students are committing a felony if they register to vote in Arizona and they don’t intend on remaining in the state indefinitely.

Fox reporter Natalie Tojeda interviewed women’s studies and political science senior and NFA president Kelly Keas, who voted registration forms and said out-of-state students aren’t breaking any laws by registering to vote in Arizona as long as they do so within 29 days of the election.

After consulting with law experts and mobilizing support, different groups say they may keep students from registering to vote in Arizona.

Dean: UA should try to reach Latino youth

By April Lacey
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The UA has been striving to increase Latino student enrollment in order to become a Hispanic Serting institution.

Charles Tatum, dean of the College of Humanities, spoke to a crowd of about 70 yesterday on the topic of becoming an HSI.

A Hispanic serving institution is defined by the U.S. Department of Education as “an institution that has at least 25 percent Hispanic full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment, and of the Hispanic student enrollment, at least 50 percent are low income.”

Making the UA an HSI has been a goal of President Pete Linn for more than a year.

The UA’s objective is to raise the Hispanic student population from 14 percent to 25 percent within 10 years.

Tatum, who spoke at noon at the Gallagher Theater in the Student Union Memorial Center, said the status of Latino education prior to the college’s level has significant room for improvement compared to other ethnic groups in Arizona.

He said that should be a top priority.

ASU leaders ready to fight grad changes

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Student leaders have vowed to fight the university December commencement ceremony changes and have the voice of the student body heard.

Aleisha Chapman, student body president, urged student government to take action against the commencement changes at last night’s ASU Senate meeting.

“It’s our job as elected officials to fight for the rights of students,” said Sara Simkian.

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