

## Bookstore Committee Annual Report 2023

### Elected

Eve Ross, Chair, School of Law, Law Library (2023)

Leon Jackson, College of Arts and Sciences, English (2023)

Susan Rathbun-Grubb, College of Information and Communications,  
School of Information Science (2024)

Fang Meng, College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management,  
College of HRSM – HRTM (2024)

Nicole Cooke, School of Information Science (2025)

Mónica Colón-Aguirre, School of Information Science (2025)

### Appointed

Alexander Barth, Graduate Representative, Biological Sciences (2023)

Vacant, Undergraduate Representative, undergrad rep

The Bookstore Committee has had regular, productive meetings with University Bookstore general manager Sarah Polley in 2022-23 and looks forward to continued communication and collaboration.

The committee has worked to increase course material adoption rates, specifically toward these two goals:

1. Increase awareness of deadlines.
  - a. We asked, and are grateful that Chair Korsgaard included the Spring 2023 adoption deadline in the Faculty Senate Chair's Report in Fall 2022.
  - b. We determined that adoptions for **Spring 2024** will be due **Monday, October 30, 2023**. We are ready to start communicating this deadline as soon as Fall 2023 begins.
2. Facilitate access to the Adoption and Insights Portal (AIP, <https://aip.bncollege.com/app/>). Thanks to collaboration among the Bookstore, University Communications, and DoIT, as of Spring 2023, the AIP link is now included:

- a. on the Blackboard home page, under Helpful Links for Instructors - <https://blackboard.sc.edu/ultra/institution-page>
- b. on the Faculty Staff Gateway, under Teaching and Research, under Teaching Resources - <https://sc.edu/facultystaff/>

The Bookstore Committee addressed the April 2023 and June 2023 meetings of the Faculty Senate. We brought forward the issue of certain scholarships that pay for required materials **only if purchased through the official campus bookstore**. These scholarships include: Commission for the Blind, athletes, veterans, and vocational rehabilitation. In both Fall 2022 and Spring 2023, dozens of students on scholarship began the semester **unable to use scholarship funds** to purchase required materials for one of these reasons: (1) no textbook adoption submitted, or (2) textbook adoption was submitted timely stating No Text Required, when in fact materials are required per the syllabus. The impact is often that (1) scholarship students attend class without required materials until the bookstore can source them, or (2) scholarship students must pay out of pocket to purchase required materials elsewhere, which they can least afford. We recommended that senators inform their departments of the issue, to encourage faculty to submit adoptions timely, and to state No Text Required only if no materials are required per the syllabus.

The 2023-24 chair will be Fang Meng, College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management, College of HRSM – HRTM.