CCS Administrative Procedure
5.30.01.1-B Collection and Sale of Complimentary Textbooks

Implementing Board Policy 5.30.01.1
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1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to establish the process for the disposal of complimentary textbooks received by CCS employees and is intended to comply with the Ethics in Public Service Law.

2.0 Limitations and Requirements

2.1 The Washington State Executive Ethics Board (EEB) has issued opinions on the selling of textbooks sent to faculty for evaluation or review. In summary, EEB Advisory opinion 03-04 (September 12, 2003) states, “higher education faculty may not sell for personal gain textbooks that they received from publishers because the textbooks are related to the performance of official duties."

2.2 CCS employees therefore cannot sell complimentary textbooks.

3.0 Disposal of Complimentary Textbooks

3.1 Submit textbooks to the department administrative assistant.

3.2 The administrative assistant will complete an Equipment Disposal form located on the CCS website and e-mail Central Services for pickup. Provide the following information on the Equipment Disposal form:

3.2.1 General Information section:

3.2.1.1 Date disposed.

3.2.1.2 Item description is: Complimentary Textbooks

3.2.2 Type of Transaction section:

Code 1. Check this box and indicate the actual number of books or the number of boxes for pick-up (e.g., ten textbooks or five boxes of textbooks).

3.3 Central Services will accumulate the textbooks and offer them for sale at the next available public surplus sale. Special attention will be given to notifying potential textbook buyers of the sale.

3.4 Proceeds from the sale of textbooks will be deposited in the Hagan Student Book Scholarship Funds (account numbers 5368 and 5369) at the CCS Foundation. The funds will be awarded for emergency textbook purchases.

4.0 Related Information

4.1 Chapter RCW 42.52, Ethics in Public Service

4.2 Washington State Executive Ethics Board, Advisory Opinion 03-04 - Selling Complimentary Textbooks

4.3 Equipment Disposal form, CCS 2805

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