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Dear Faculty Colleagues,

How can we get your attention? We need your help. While this issue seems at best annoying and banal and at worst intrusive, it is important. Please read on.

There are **two main reasons** why it is worth spending a few minutes visiting [Faculty Enlight](#) and posting there your required spring 2016 course materials by November 20. Yes, this is what these emails generally refer to as “textbook adoptions.” To be clear: posting required materials on *Faculty Enlight* is not the same as requiring your students to purchase anything from Barnes & Noble (it is simply hosted on B&N’s website). If Barnes & Noble orders your materials, that is on them. You have made no commitment on your behalf or that of your students. But, you **must post on [Faculty Enlight](#)** even if you require nothing at all in the way of course materials. It takes a few minutes, max. The deadline is 45 days prior to the start of the term (in this case: November 20, 2015). You can add or change course materials if you must, but we need to know two things: 1) will you require any books or materials for your course?; and 2) what are those materials?

Reason number one: the students rely on us to make known what we plan to do in our course and what books/materials we require. When students register for courses, the Faculty Enlight system feeds your required materials into MyFIU, which allows them better budget their semester costs and have sufficient time to shop around. So, please let’s make our students’ lives a bit easier and simpler and post your required course materials by November 20.

Reason number two: this is a state legislative mandate, not an evil plan of the provost or president. Word on the street is that if we do not comply, we may be given some draconian directives. So, please let’s preserve our autonomy and comply by November 20.

So, I hope I got your attention. Thank you.

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