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TO: All Faculty and Staff
FROM: Andrew Soll, Business & Student Services
SUBJECT: Bookstore Bid Input Opportunities
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Since 2001, the university bookstore and Instructional Resource Rental Center in Davies Center have been run by Barnes & Noble College Stores. This spring, the university will be seeking proposals that will lead to a new contract for the operation and management of these campus services. University Centers administration is seeking input from students, faculty and staff regarding changes in services they would like considered for the new contract. Last week, two public forums were held to gather ideas. I am writing to alert you to two upcoming opportunities for you to express your thoughts on the bookstore and IRR.

- Student Senate – Monday, March 10, 6:00 p.m., Tamarack Room of Davies Center
- University Senate – Tuesday, March 11, 3:00 p.m., Tamarack Room of Davies Center

Any member of the campus community may offer comments and suggestions for the future of bookstore and IRR services at the university. Your thoughts are welcome. As you consider ideas you may want to present, please keep the following in mind.

- Pricing for most textbooks is largely controlled by publishers. However, your thoughts on ways that the cost of course materials might be controlled are welcome.
- Policies governing the IRR are established by the university's IRR Committee and not by the bookstore. Suggestions for changes to that program should be forwarded to the committee or to University Centers administration.
- The bookstore is responsible for checking out IRR books to students at the start of each term and collecting them at the end of the term. What suggestions do you have for improving how these activities are handled?
- In what ways could bookstore staff facilitate textbook adoption procedures to assist faculty and staff?
- What lines of merchandise should be expanded to better serve the academic needs of students and faculty?
- What other lines of merchandise would you like to see added or expanded in the bookstore?
- What other enhancements would you like to suggest for the services and merchandise provided by the bookstore?

I hope you will take advantage of one of the opportunities next week to express your thoughts on the bookstore and IRR. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send your comments to me (SOLLAK) or Charles Farrell (FARRELCF) by e-mail or campus mail.

Thanks for your assistance in providing the best possible bookstore for the campus in the future.