

2017 Zero Cost Textbook

STUDENT SURVEY RESPONSE

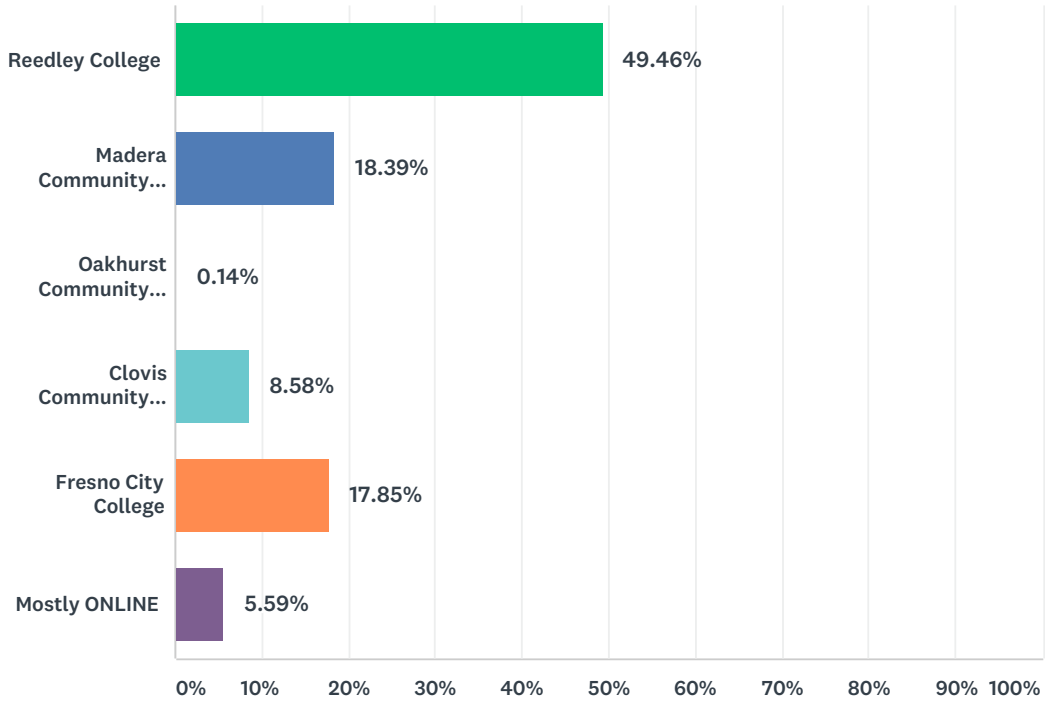
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Textbook Cost (ZTC Project)

Survey was collected during the time-frame of 8/30/2017-9/6/2017 with a result of 734 student responses.

Q1 Which campus do you take majority of your classes?

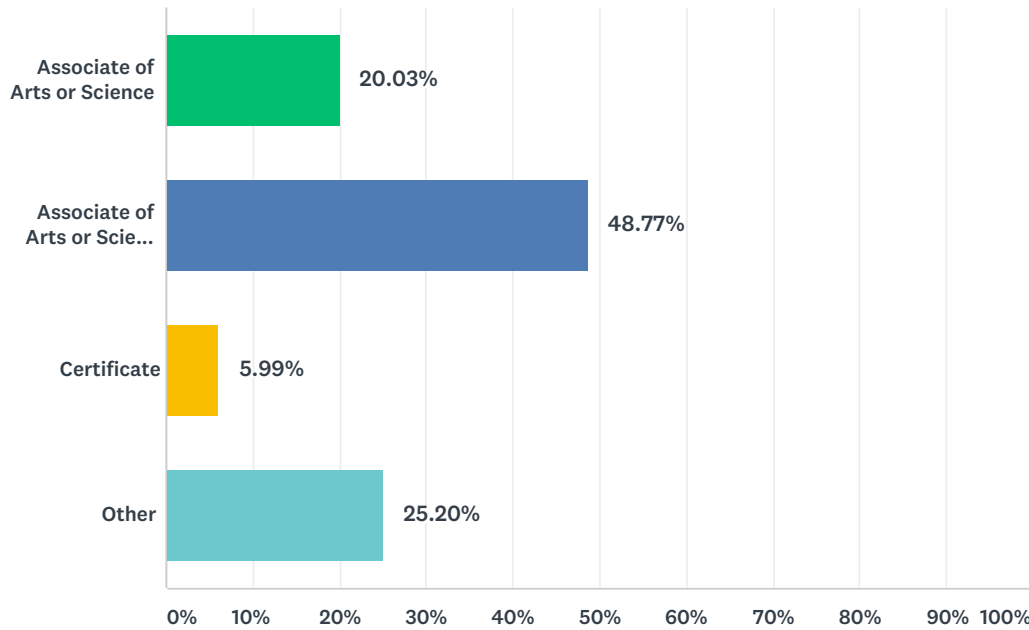
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Reedley College	49.46%	363
Madera Community College Center	18.39%	135
Oakhurst Community College Center	0.14%	1
Clovis Community College	8.58%	63
Fresno City College	17.85%	131
Mostly ONLINE	5.59%	41
TOTAL		734

Q2 What type of program are you enrolled in?

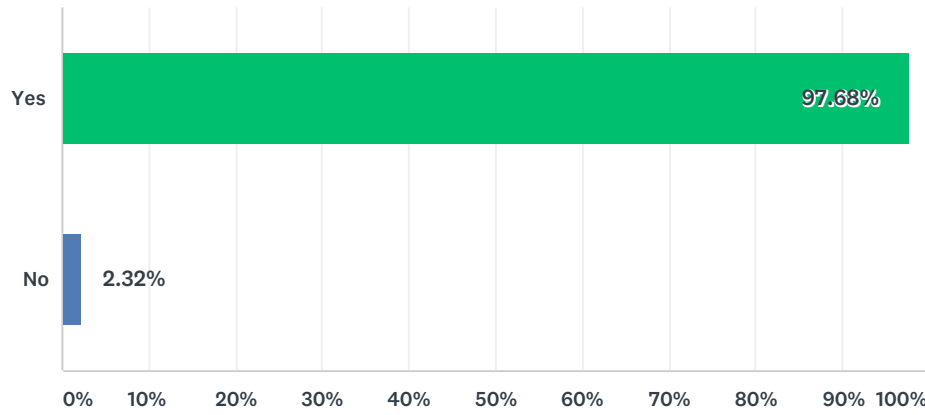
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Associate of Arts or Science	20.03%	147
Associate of Arts or Science with Transfer	48.77%	358
Certificate	5.99%	44
Other	25.20%	185
TOTAL		734

Q3 Have you had to purchase a text book for any of your courses?

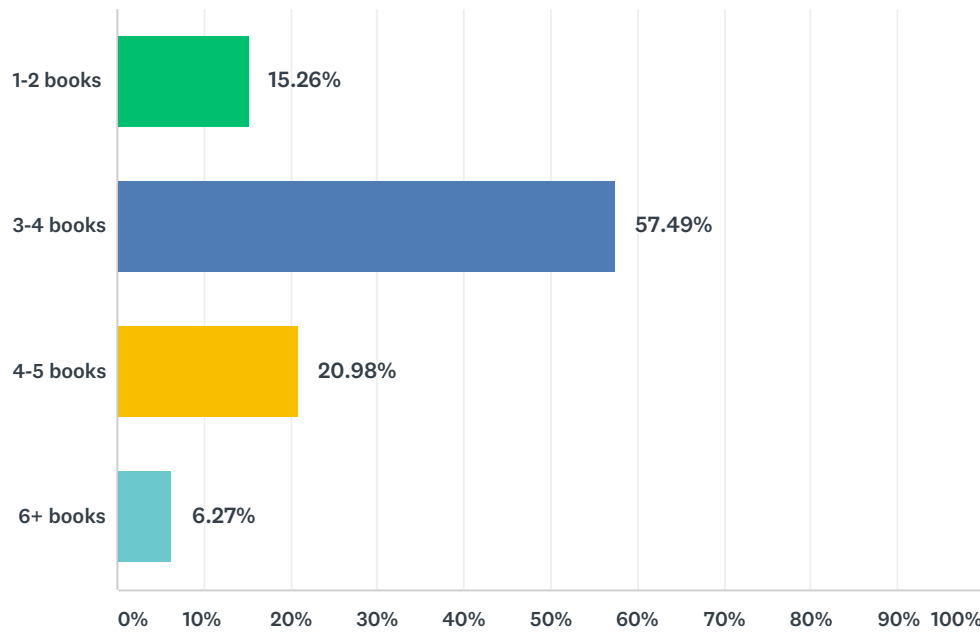
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	97.68%	717
No	2.32%	17
TOTAL		734

Q4 What is the average number of books have you had to purchase either this semester or previous semesters?

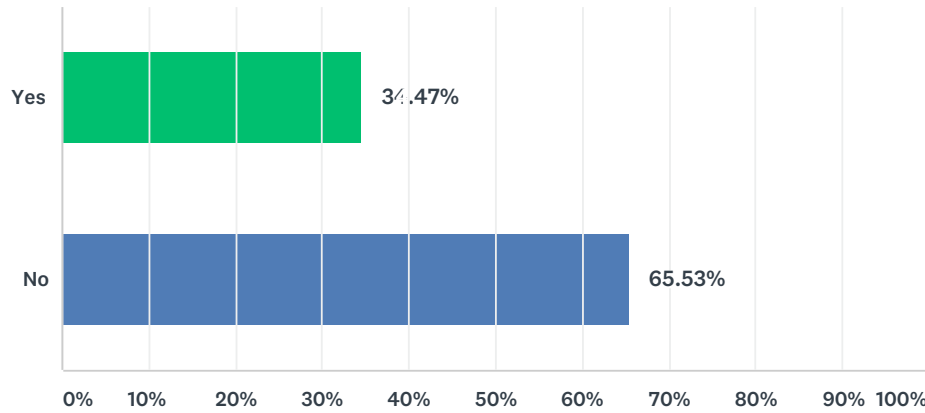
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-2 books	15.26%	112
3-4 books	57.49%	422
4-5 books	20.98%	154
6+ books	6.27%	46
TOTAL		734

Q5 Where you able to afford all of your books needed within the first 3 weeks of class?

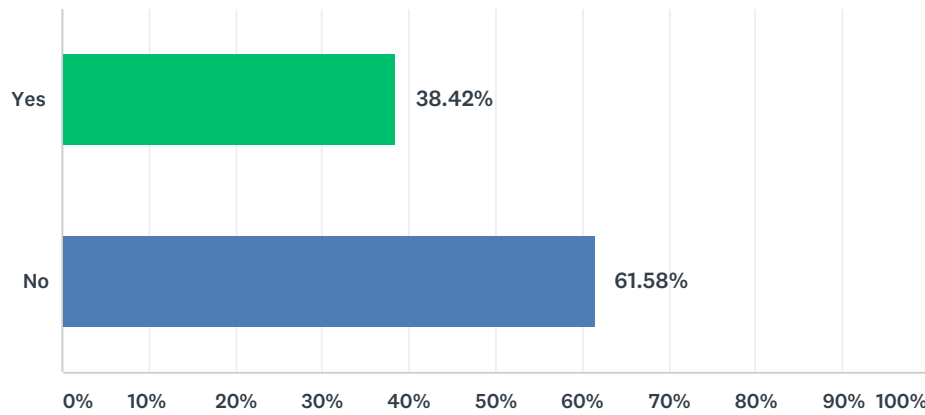
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	34.47%	253
No	65.53%	481
TOTAL		734

Q6 Have you ever dropped a course because you could not afford to purchase the text book(s)?

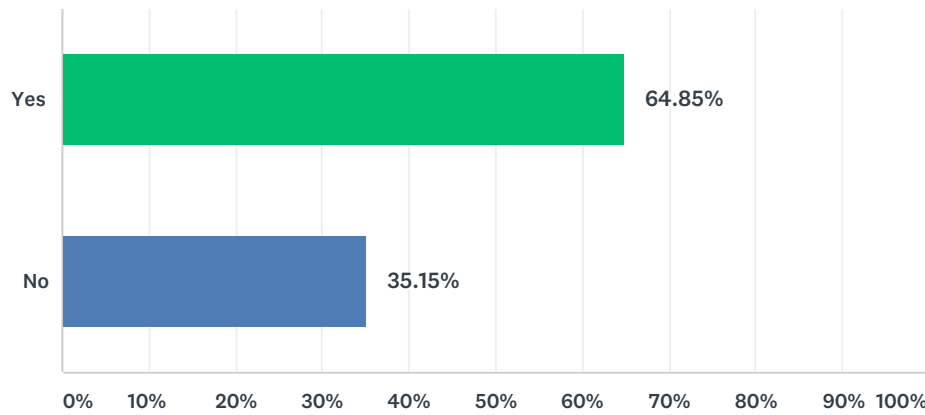
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	38.42%	282
No	61.58%	452
TOTAL		734

Q7 Have you had to borrow a book from a classmate or faculty member because you could not afford the textbook?

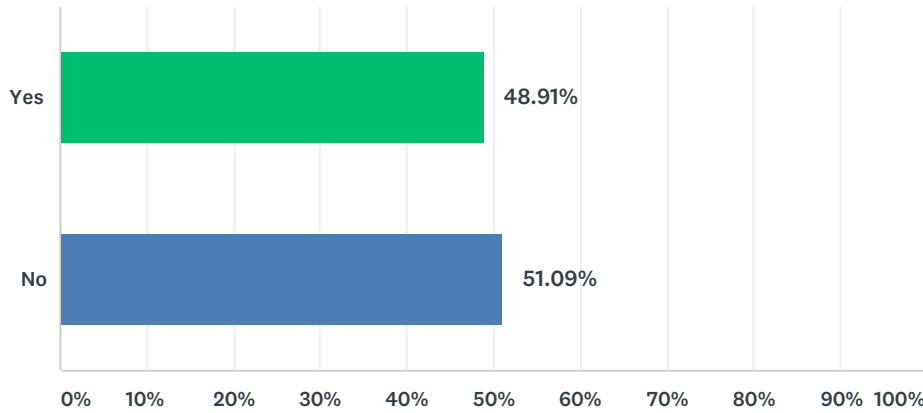
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.85%	476
No	35.15%	258
TOTAL		734

Q8 Have you avoided carrying full load (12 units or more) per semester because the cost of books?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	48.91%	359
No	51.09%	375
TOTAL		734

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Q9 Do you have any comments to leave about the impact of textbook cost?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I feel that the access codes that are required for the online classes are extremely costly and should be able to be used for more than just one semester.	9/6/2017 9:26 AM
2	Lower the prices. 200 is too much for a comm book.	9/6/2017 9:04 AM
3	please lower the cost of money for the books.	9/6/2017 8:48 AM
4	Sometimes FAFSA does not give students extra money and I think textbook companies should keep that in mind because it can get difficult for some students.	9/6/2017 7:33 AM
5	After my first year of purchasing books and saw its expense i started renting. This semester i had low income so the calworks program was very helpful and purchased books for mw through vouchers.	9/5/2017 10:10 PM
6	It leaves us broke :(9/5/2017 9:16 PM
7	When buying expensive books it seems like a waste that a lot of times you are stuck with the book because a newer version has come out	9/5/2017 8:35 PM
8	previous editions from science courses and math should be allowed to use, since they are easier to acquire. all material is the same. no one likes to pay over \$200.00 for a new book when an older edition has the exact same info as the new one. the older editions can be acquired between the ranges of \$20-100 at most. some students wont eat, other will drop classes, some dont even get the chance to buy a computer because they have to get a "new book". its unfair and not worth it.	9/5/2017 8:22 PM
9	Mahal	9/5/2017 6:39 PM
10	Yes. My trigonometry class has required the use of the Pearson "My Lab and Mastering" online platform to complete homework assignments. This function requires the student to purchase an access pass in addition to the book. I find this to be excessive and an egregious exploitation of the student's financial situation.	9/5/2017 6:38 PM
11	I had to rent my textbook. Thank goodness it was available or else I would not have been able to attend college.	9/5/2017 6:27 PM
12	I have family that can lend me money for textbooks. But even then, I find myself broke for weeks at a time because of the cost of school. I can barely afford everything I need.	9/5/2017 4:43 PM
13	No	9/5/2017 4:39 PM
14	The textbooks are very, very expensive.	9/5/2017 4:27 PM
15	Not about the cost, but the bookstore in madera never has the books I need! I've been waiting for a month now on my Bio-5 and English-126 books	9/5/2017 4:09 PM
16	I have not had much trouble buying books thanks to the eops program, but there was a point where the program did not cover the cost of all my books so i had no choice but to find a way to borrow money from family to afford the books that were not covered.	9/5/2017 3:57 PM
17	Textbook prices are grossly inflated, and in a sense of a real student union, many of us have no recourse but to make do with previous, less costly editions, library copies, or pirate copies from the web. When using physical textbooks, open-source or at least reasonably-priced textbooks should be the first choice for classes. Outrageous textbook prices are a result of the disjoint between price and choice, and directly impact students' ability to succeed in school and in life in a very negative way.	9/5/2017 3:44 PM
18	N/A	9/5/2017 3:23 PM
19	Books are too expensive, even a used one is still several hundred dollars. I can't take too many courses a semester because I can't afford it.	9/5/2017 3:02 PM

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20	I know a lot of people on campus, so I've always been able to find a book when I absolutely need one. HOWEVER, the bookstore gouges students for textbooks. The cost of textbooks has matched or surpassed the cost of my tuition (student fees?) three semesters in a row.	9/5/2017 3:01 PM
21	Though the prices of many of the textbooks maintained in the Clovis Community Bookstore are affordable, they still seem expensive even for new materials.	9/5/2017 2:35 PM
22	With all things that you have to cover when trying to go to school, the last thing you need is a book that is way overpriced. It doesn't help productivity at all, and one reason why we go to school is to better our worklife outcome and we end up struggling just to do so.	9/5/2017 2:24 PM
23	Textbooks are key to the education process, but they need to make options that are more affordable; otherwise, we will be creating a society where only the elite can afford to buy the textbooks and thus cause an imbalance in education levels across socioeconomic status.	9/5/2017 11:56 AM
24	Several times I purchased a book a few weeks ahead of time because used books are usually available if you purchase sooner. However, the teachers sometimes use a different book or don't use the book at all and I am stuck with the book because they are not returnable after a certain amount of time.	9/5/2017 10:46 AM
25	No.	9/5/2017 10:15 AM
26	I think that it is hard for most students to pay for books with such high prices	9/5/2017 10:04 AM
27	They are already expensive and with each passing year the prices go up even more. I don't understand why the students have to deal with higher prices while trying to study.	9/5/2017 9:52 AM
28	I believe it is only that much harder for someone to purchase their books in a small time frame when the individual is not entitled or able to receive their aid.	9/5/2017 9:26 AM
29	I like books! I can reference back and highlight I do not like online reading it is very bad for my eyes! So if the cost of books did not reflect the greed everything would be all right!	9/5/2017 9:15 AM
30	I can afford to purchase textbooks but to be honest they are way too much. plus if the used ones are out you have to buy the used and new ones that are more expensive.	9/5/2017 8:35 AM
31	Too expensive and sometimes financial aid takes too long to come through.	9/5/2017 8:34 AM
32	The prices on these textbooks are outrageous! I got some help to pay for these books. With living cost, gas plus textbooks was a very expensive month in Aug. I hope for the future students they can bring down the prices on the textbooks. I know what it feels like to struggle with finances and having to get through school on top of that. Best of luck to the future students!	9/5/2017 8:33 AM
33	I buy the books from Barnes and Noble. Got my History textbook, hard cover, and new for 15 dollars. WHILE YOU SELL A USED VERSION, THAT IS JUST THE LOOSE PAGES, FOR 50 DOLLARS!!!! RIP OFF!	9/5/2017 8:25 AM
34	It would be better if they could lower the price.	9/5/2017 8:23 AM
35	Switching out textbooks from one semester to the next is costly for me and my friends who are swapping books.	9/5/2017 8:11 AM
36	The books are too expensive.	9/5/2017 8:05 AM
37	I qualify for a EOPS book voucher and that is a wonderful thing in itself but I have questions. 1. Where is a difference in what can be purchased from Clovis to Reedley? Reedley EOPS will not allow me to purchase supplies such as scantrons, pens, notebooks but Clovis does. 2. The \$300 EOPS voucher only bought 1 book this semester in the Reedley Bookstore. That money could go so much farther if I was reimbursed for online book purchases. I could have bought ALL my books online and still had money left over. This EOPS program as it is, just seems to be for the benefit of the college bookstore bottom line. A used book is so much cheaper, I only need it for 1 semester, why does it have to be new? 3. Reedley seems to sell a lot of new loose leaf books. Loose leaf books really suck! Very limited value when selling also. But according to the EOPS rules at Reedley, I have to buy the loose leaf book provided and then reach into my pocket to buy a binder to keep it in because EOPS won't cover a binder. EOPS is supposed to be designed to help buy school books, not guarantee income for the bookstore. I would love to talk more with someone from EOPS that is above the school level.	9/5/2017 7:45 AM
38	Publishers are taking advantage of students and making it even more difficult to attend college.	9/5/2017 6:41 AM

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39	I'm totally cool with purchasing textbooks, as long as they're necessary. I also like the interactive tools and doing work online, so I don't mind too much when I see an access code required for a class. My biggest quarrel is with professors who require books that are never referenced and are essentially separate from the class. Regardless of whether the book was \$17 off Amazon or \$350 from the bookstore, if I'm going to use it 3 times all semester, suggest it instead of requiring it.	9/5/2017 6:34 AM
40	Text books are too much.	9/4/2017 11:04 PM
41	Is there any way that funding could be allocated towards ensuring that students who are unable to afford the textbooks for a class can progress in their courses	9/4/2017 10:07 PM
42	Sometimes, people do not get help from any programs from campus because they do not get a chance to join them. Or we do not get enough from these programs and we have to manage to get our books.	9/4/2017 9:56 PM
43	why are they so expensive? we barley got out of high school how are we expected to have so much money? And we only need them for 1 semester. \$300 can buy us food or pay our rent. but no we have to worry about these ridiculously expensive books. These companies just try to take advantage of us cause they know we need these books like???!!!!!!?!?!???! WHY?!?!?!?! ITS SO STRESSFUL I AM A BROKE PERSON THAT CAN BARLEY AFFORD TO BUY MY DOG FOOD AND I SPENT LIKE 100000000 ON BOOKS PLEASE STOP THIS NONSENSE!!!!!!!!!! IM TRYING TO GET RICHER NOT POORER SO PLEASE HELP ALL THESE STRESSFUL BROKE COLLEGE STUDENTS OUT PLEASE AND THANK YOU!!!!!!	9/4/2017 8:50 PM
44	Text books should not be required if a Professor only makes the class use them once.	9/4/2017 8:46 PM
45	Text books are soo expensive.	9/4/2017 8:25 PM
46	Text book cost are insane.	9/4/2017 8:04 PM
47	The bookstore would charge you for breathing if they could. everything is grossly marked up and over priced. it shouldn't cost triple what i find it for on amazon.	9/4/2017 7:42 PM
48	Text books are extremely pricey. Most instructors are flexible and provide material first 4 weeks or let us use old editions which makes things easier. Twice I had to borrow money from relatives to purchase my textbooks. Where there is a will there is a way.	9/4/2017 7:40 PM
49	there should online text version of books for less.	9/4/2017 7:30 PM
50	It's especially hard when you have to buy an online access code just to do the assignments. Usually the price is way too much, sometimes doesn't even include a physical copy of the book itself, and always means you have to buy the book new in order to get the code. This makes things challenging for me and several people that I know. Not to mention "Looseleaf Editions" of books, which is a complete joke. Charging near full price and not even including the binding for the book (which is the most expensive part of the book to manufacture) is downright cruel and borderline robbery.	9/4/2017 7:12 PM
51	The price on textbooks is very discouraging.	9/4/2017 7:02 PM
52	Financial Aid for the Nursing Program is managed really poorly. We are not allowed to enroll in our own courses, and take full 12 unit load per semester but only receive 50% of our financial aid because our courses are "short term". The total cost for books was over \$1500, and we had to have them purchased the first day of class. It is really a disservice to your students who are trying as hard as they can to be an attentive and successful student when we are so stressed about paying for our necessary items. Then to find out we are only getting 50% of the financial aid we were promised because the financial aid and nursing department can't communicate is extraordinarily frustrating.	9/4/2017 5:33 PM
53	I feel as though the school is pressuring teachers to use textbooks with the connect code requirements needlessly. I've had several teachers that require us to use Connect from McGraw Hill and just mindlessly use the assignments from them, even if the topics covered in the assignments are not in any way in the exams. It also prevents students from being able to use used textbooks because we'd still end up having to spend about \$100 on a code	9/4/2017 3:56 PM
54	Most textbooks have very few changes but yet most of the time we are unable to use an older version. Honestly there have been a few classes where the book cost me about 150 dollars and only used it once or twice. That is a waste of money that we don't have. As a mother of two, the money and cost of books was what made me put off school for many years.	9/4/2017 3:49 PM
55	It would be nice if books weren't so expensive seeing at i'm paying for my classes and books by myself.	9/4/2017 3:07 PM

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56	Please organize the line during the first two weeks of school. It get's crazy!	9/4/2017 2:06 PM
57	it would help if colleges don't change book editions like changing underwear.	9/4/2017 2:04 PM
58	the cost of textbooks can be expensive.	9/4/2017 12:56 PM
59	They should be a little cheaper	9/4/2017 12:39 PM
60	The cost of online homework is outrageous and is not included in the required book section of the online bookstore. I have 3 textbooks and I haven't used a single one but I have had to purchase two different online system after the fact because they weren't listed in the online bookstore.	9/4/2017 11:28 AM
61	The cost of a new textbook is caused me to over draft my credit card 140 dollars then it turned out to be the wrong one. Might have to drop the class if I don't get my textbook, not to mention I can't afford the my math lab access code at all. Expecially now.	9/4/2017 11:03 AM
62	Despite my answers to the questions, textbooks are still expensive. Just like other semesters I was barely able to pay them and that was because I had to sacrifice paying other bills. Every textbook that I get is all rental none are bought because they so expensive. If I want the textbook there is only a slight chance I will be able to afford it at the end of the semester.	9/4/2017 10:35 AM
63	I took a lot of time off school just because I couldn't afford the textbooks, even after I became a student purchasing the textbooks was the hardest part.	9/4/2017 10:22 AM
64	no, but I wasn't able to get a textbook for one class because it sold out. so I'm struggling to get through the class.	9/4/2017 8:21 AM
65	i Feel like there should be a lot more programs that help with books or something because I know how it is to struggle and fall behind.	9/4/2017 7:18 AM
66	only reason I was able to afford my books was because I had to borrow money from someone.	9/4/2017 7:13 AM
67	books are too expensive for college students to afford, especially when a majority of them are young people struggling to live on their own	9/4/2017 2:00 AM
68	I don't have a problem with getting all my textbooks, but other people do. Please, use the cheaper textbooks for us. Textbooks are rarely updated each year. The colleges should use the older textbooks if they can.	9/3/2017 11:09 PM
69	I just wonder why someone like me that works six days a week making about 1200 weekly doesn't get any financial aid while people living at home with their parents get full financial aid cover for their textbooks	9/3/2017 10:52 PM
70	They hardly have the books I or other students need. We are three weeks into the semester and people are still missing books.	9/3/2017 10:35 PM
71	Books and access codes are way to pricey for most college students. Some even have to rent them or buy them in horrible condition just to afford them. It is ridiculous the prices they make you pay for a book you barely use	9/3/2017 9:39 PM
72	Yall motherfuckers can eat a bag of dicks, thanks god, allah, jesus, Buddha (or whoever the reader of this believes in) for used books on amazon and online. funny part is I get them cheaper even with the more expensive shipping option all anger and frustrations aside please, please, please reduce costs	9/3/2017 8:19 PM
73	I believe the cost of textbooks is way to much. Specially when you are not getting any type of financial help.	9/3/2017 7:41 PM
74	I always have an anxiety attack the first week of class because I know the process I have to go through to buy my books. I borrow money, work late to pick up extra hours to afford my books, try to buy used throughout the internet (most don't carry version required by class), or obtain a short term high interest loan to afford the books.	9/3/2017 7:35 PM
75	I strongly believe that the Reedley College book store is heavily overpricing some textbooks.	9/3/2017 5:39 PM
76	It's a huge pain and the bookstore's books for rent can be ridiculous. I had to pay \$120 for a geography textbook just to rent for 1 semester and the cost of it to buy was \$160. How is that fair?	9/3/2017 4:33 PM

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77	Often times the books that the bookstore says you need are not what the instructor says you need. I spent a lot of money on a math book, almost 300.00 and couldn't afford the mymathlab online access that was over 100.00 when I get to class I find out we didn't need the math book, only the mathlab online access. This happens every time I take a math course either we need only the book or only the lab but the bookstore has marked that both are needed. I have purchased loose leaf books new unreturnable due to being opened. Text books are switched too often requiring new books. I almost cancelled my math class this semester because I couldn't afford the mymathlab. Thank god my job underpaid me on my last promotion and happened to send a spare check allowing that purchase. Also financial aid corrections take far too long to process in your campus office. 6 weeks or more. I had to borrow money from my grandmother for 2 of my books and still owe her, I was really prompt at my correction and went to the office right away to make sure they had everything they needed, there should be more staff it should not take that long to get funds.	9/3/2017 4:14 PM
78	Text books cost a lot.	9/3/2017 4:01 PM
79	It really doesn't make sense that we have to pay for a class, then pay for a text book just to take the class, then we have to pay for an access code on top of that just to do homework for the class is ridiculous and is a legal form of robbery.	9/3/2017 3:08 PM
80	The impact of text book cost is a big deal. With the cost of books being so high and having to pay out of pocket for books is hard especially when the classes I take use the new edition books only. I can't afford to spit out \$300 on a single text book.	9/3/2017 3:03 PM
81	they should be cheaper.	9/3/2017 2:29 PM
82	No	9/3/2017 1:57 PM
83	make them cheaper.	9/3/2017 1:38 PM
84	The only way I have been able to afford text books for my classes is through a lot of research and third party websites. Books I have had to buy straight from the bookstore are far too expensive.	9/3/2017 1:08 PM
85	books should be affordable so that we as students can focus on learning and not on being able to afford a book	9/3/2017 1:03 PM
86	Stop using Pearson, the scam artists. It is unnecessary to spend over 100 dollars required for a program that isn't good. I rather spend money on a rental or used text book than be forced to buy a new book and code for over 100. That is what should be changed, but of course this is a survey and nothing will.	9/3/2017 12:31 PM
87	More books should be available to rent and more books should be allowed to sell back to the school in order to get some of the money back.	9/3/2017 11:45 AM
88	text books for required classes are really expensive, and I think it would be really beneficial if instructors kept their student's budget in mind while choosing required text books for their classes	9/3/2017 11:30 AM
89	It is hard to be able to get a text book for a certain class if a access code is also required because it makes it that much more expensive.	9/3/2017 10:41 AM
90	the educational system needs to make text books a lot more affordable.	9/3/2017 10:02 AM
91	the book store at Madera Community College Center did not have all the books required by my Fall Semester classes when semester class started, I had to wait 3 weeks into my semester to get everything my classes required.	9/3/2017 8:37 AM
92	N/A	9/3/2017 8:35 AM
93	They still too expensive!	9/3/2017 5:43 AM
94	The purchase price on books is way too expensive for what students get back from book buy back. if we have to spend 100 or more on a book used or new students should at least get a fair buy back price.	9/3/2017 3:28 AM
95	The cost of text books is very expensive and many of the instructors I have had decide to update to the newest version each year, which means it is the most expensive version of the book. It is what will likely keep me from taking any particular course.	9/2/2017 10:13 PM
96	Many courses require some sort of text book or book, but never actually use the book.	9/2/2017 9:26 PM
97	had to rent books off amazon	9/2/2017 9:14 PM
98	I know I had to drop out from a class or two because the text book was expensive.	9/2/2017 9:14 PM

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99	I feel that new editions of books are coming out to make business off students and makes it a financial obstacle to complete my education. We should be able to use books at an affordable price or E-text book style to save the Earth.	9/2/2017 8:07 PM
100	If you were able to use older editions of the book it would be easier. And when you purchase a book for full price then try to turn it in at the end of the semester the buy back price is not fair! Maybe you should implement a trade in policy.	9/2/2017 7:56 PM
101	My statistics book alone was 300.00 over the summer. the cost of books and other needed supplies can be very costly. Especially if you need more than 1 book for a class. I have sometimes had to make copies of another students book until I could afford to buy my own.	9/2/2017 7:47 PM
102	One of my books, used, was over \$150 and while I was able to afford it due to financial aid, without said aid I wouldn't have been able to buy it. Furthermore, a colleague of mine in a vocational program almost had to drop said program because they were unable to purchase all of the books without having to borrow money from other colleagues.	9/2/2017 3:38 PM
103	Books cost more depending on what subject they are or they include a access code for that subject.	9/2/2017 3:09 PM
104	Prices are overwhelming	9/2/2017 2:29 PM
105	Because I work full-time, I can take one or two classes depending on the content. Since I have been out of the office environment for several years, I need to brush up on my skills--I worked in public service for the previous 6 years.	9/2/2017 1:49 PM
106	The text books cost way too much. It is wrong that the school or publishers are allowed to "update" the texts every few years. This forces students to purchase new even more expensive books without adding any value to the education.	9/2/2017 1:37 PM
107	Make the costs less please! Also the books run out within the first week of school and it takes a long time for more of the text books to come and I am still waiting on some.	9/2/2017 1:26 PM
108	I couldnt pay all my bills because cost of text books.	9/2/2017 1:21 PM
109	It is very difficult to find text books other places since most sold by the college bookstore includes the connect disk/online portion, even when it is not required for course. Just buying the text book by itself would be cheaper and easier to find other places possibly for less money.	9/2/2017 1:04 PM
110	I don't think they should be too expensive if they are required for a student's learning	9/2/2017 12:53 PM
111	I feel that I can afford books because I have the BOG fee waiver and financial aid, but I know many students who do not have either of these resources and they do struggle with getting books quite a bit.	9/2/2017 12:20 PM
112	Pricing is outrageous. Why should these books be another burden for students? Some people have a hard enough time trying to pay for classes or rides to school. Not everyone qualifies for FAFSA or eligible for services. Reduced prices = More students.	9/2/2017 12:16 PM
113	I believe that having access to the temporary access code for any class should be extended to a out 3 weeks at least. To have a bit more time to be able to buy the text books.	9/2/2017 10:49 AM
114	Text book publishers are taking advantage of the fact that students need the books to complete the class, and have to pay whatever the is cost. Publishers should stop the price gouging. Last semester I spent over \$100 for a loose leaf book,that in my opinion, wasn't worth more than \$25.	9/2/2017 10:32 AM
115	The cost of text books is RIDICULOUS. Thank GOD for a copy machine, cell phone cameras, and a Library.	9/2/2017 9:48 AM
116	It really determines if I'm going to actually take the class if the books are too expensive.	9/2/2017 9:29 AM
117	The price of book are outrageous for only one use.	9/2/2017 9:03 AM
118	Requiring the My Math Labs both costly and less effective at teaching concepts as regular pencil and paper. The labs only benefit the teachers.	9/2/2017 8:46 AM
119	We already have tuition to worry about then we are required to buy a \$100 or more books. Its very stressful. Especially if we need it right away but dont get paid week or so later. Also, its very inconvenient when you guys charge more for the book because you had to order more. Not only that but when we go to sell our books back to the bookstore they don't even give us half of what we paid for when the books are in extremely good condition. Maybe rent out books for students for the semester (for free or a low price) and if we don't return it, lose it, or damage it then you can make us pay full price for it. PLEASE FIX THIS PROBLEM	9/1/2017 11:44 PM

Textbook Cost (ZTC Project)

120	The price of books hit especially hard this semester. \$700 worth of books for a couple of classes is ridiculous. Especially when a general ed class requires a textbook that is \$200 and is a small paperback! There are no alternatives (rent or borrow) for it because it is a first edition	9/1/2017 9:32 PM
121	The major am taking it requires textbooks and they are really expensive if i take course i will drop it if the textbook is too expensive and cannot afford it.	9/1/2017 8:58 PM
122	The books at the bookstores seem to be overpriced compared to other vendors.	9/1/2017 8:50 PM
123	Please also consider the time missed from work, to stand in line to pay for the textbook. The online charge to prepay for textbooks is also hindering. Some "new" editions are different by a matter of only words, and are more expensive. The textbook is required, and then the teacher shows slides of each page of the textbook during "lecture" making the required textbook, a waste of time, and money. The cost of textbooks has impacted what will get paid first, and the type of meal we have for dinner, at the beginning of the semester.	9/1/2017 8:25 PM
124	The cost of textbooks are way too high. I think with effort professors will have the ability to find quality textbooks at more affordable prices and not entertain employees from large publishing house trying to sell their services.	9/1/2017 8:03 PM
125	I rented most of my books and didn't buy one due to advice from previous students claiming I didn't really need the book as long as I took good notes.	9/1/2017 7:08 PM
126	It's unfortunate that if you have experienced academic probation, you're disqualified from financial aid. It's extremely difficult to get back into school and afford the books without the help of financial aid. It's a huge punishment and deterrent for those who have had difficulty in the past. I could imagine a lot of people end up dropping out fully because of this barrier.	9/1/2017 7:08 PM
127	Books cost way too much. We have resorted to online Facebook pages to buy and sell textbooks because they are cheaper and it helps out another student.	9/1/2017 6:44 PM
128	It really is tough for students to afford the cost of books. Buying the books is becoming less of an option because the classes change books so often there is no resale value in the books we buy. Paying \$100-\$200 for a book a student uses for just 16 weeks is just ridiculous. It seems really unfair.	9/1/2017 5:56 PM
129	I like how many professors choose a certain book for their class and it is available on reserve in the library. I currently have a professor (she is new) who chose a book that is not on reserve at the library. I was close to dropping her class because of it. I am looking at other options; however, the price of the book infuriated me because it's for a GE class that has nothing to do with my major.	9/1/2017 5:38 PM
130	I have been lucky to be able to receive financial aid and being able to rent books from online resources in a timely manner. There have been some books, like Spanish that were \$280 for ONE book and online component. That semester hurt. My art class, has a hefty \$150 for supplies, every class I have taken. I am glad to be able to rent books, but even some rentals are a bit much. Without my financial aid, I would not be able to afford my textbooks, and I have a mid-level career, full time job. The schools should provide additional resources for those that cannot afford books, based on income. Most of my classmates are on public assistance or have no income and are under 25 so they don't qualify for financial aid with their parent's income, but their parents don't help them with expenses.	9/1/2017 5:22 PM
131	My anatomy book was \$350. I do not receive financial aid, and I don't have parents/family to help me. I live alone and have to pay for classes and also books. This semester's books I had to charge them to a credit card which led me to think, is this really worth it?	9/1/2017 3:33 PM
132	Textbooks are very expensive and you are not able to sell them after the semester, which is aummer. It would help the students get back some money they spent, while save the money time and gas to a fellow student. Also to purchase online access code is very pricey.	9/1/2017 3:22 PM
133	Instead of having a return policy of 5 days after buying the books, make it longer! Some students may have purchased the wrong book (due to incorrect list of books on the online bookstore) and cannot return them for full price, even if brand new.	9/1/2017 2:58 PM

Textbook Cost (ZTC Project)

134	Not a comment about the cost of textbooks, but about the availability of textbooks. It would be a great deal easier for students to get textbooks if we knew further than a week in advance, or in some cases not until after a course has started in online classes, what textbooks we need. And it would be especially helpful to know in advance whether we are going to need to buy new textbooks to get access codes, worksheets, or special editions only available through Reedley college, or whether we can actually buy a used book for cheaper or merely rent a book. The online bookstore never has any of this information and its not always available in store either. I know the Reedley college bookstore is still a bookstore and needs to make money, but with the increasing cost of textbooks this would go a long way toward helping students be able to afford them.	9/1/2017 2:54 PM
135	They are very costly and sometimes they are not necessary for the class.	9/1/2017 2:29 PM
136	In addition to high prices, I was sold the wrong textbook, then couldn't afford a hardcopy of the correct book and had to only get the eBook which makes learning harder	9/1/2017 2:10 PM
137	Purchasing textbooks over the internet (especially international versions) is a massive aid in affording textbooks. (Calculus Early Transcendentals, 10th Edition hardcover is ~\$200, but the International Student version is \$20, effectively eliminating the burden for that class.)	9/1/2017 1:55 PM
138	Because textbooks are so expensive I opt to use the reserve textbooks at the library whenever possible instead of purchasing the book. If we were able to find out which books we need before the first day of class, we could have more time to find cheaper used books from other places.	9/1/2017 1:49 PM
139	Books should be sold with a fair price, because many students dont get financial aid	9/1/2017 1:20 PM
140	Please lower the cost of the textbooks, it's so expensive. At the end it's hurting the student, since we are unable to continue with our dreams of getting through the needed classes to graduate. We can't afford expensive books.	9/1/2017 1:19 PM
141	a lot of the books I need sell out the first day of class at the maderabookstore. the manager is unapologetic about the situation and I am still waiting for a book to come in for my microbiology class, and its been three weeks since class started. the pallet "got lost" for two weeks and when it came it only had 25 books available. the waitlist for this book is easily triple that number so I feel like that was poor planning on the part of the maderabookstore. I, and many other students in my class, are very unhappy.	9/1/2017 1:18 PM
142	Maybe the teachers should provide the students with textbooks every year to the students. The textbook that they provide the students one year, they should get those back at the end of the semester and then give them to the students who come in for the next semester.	9/1/2017 1:10 PM
143	The costs of textbooks are way too high. These are college students who can barely hold a job.	9/1/2017 12:13 PM
144	Textbook went out of stock quickly both in store and online for rent	9/1/2017 12:06 PM
145	Don't get why some of the used books almost cost about the same as a new one	9/1/2017 11:54 AM
146	very expensive even with the help of programs, still had to purchase out of pocket.	9/1/2017 11:29 AM
147	Cost too much	9/1/2017 10:32 AM
148	no	9/1/2017 10:31 AM
149	Yes! They're too expensive lower the cost at least.	9/1/2017 9:20 AM
150	no	9/1/2017 9:16 AM
151	I rent my textbooks from outside sources because they are almost \$100 cheaper online.	9/1/2017 9:08 AM
152	A lot of books in sciences are very expensive especially ones with a labook too because of this in my GE classes I usually don't buy a book and take really good notes and go to ETC programs. Its unfortunate but doable for me	9/1/2017 9:07 AM
153	they are too pricey	9/1/2017 9:03 AM
154	I find it ridiculous that an instructor will list a specific book as required, when in fact, the class begins and they state they will not be using the book after all and you had to borrow funding to pay for the book which was required.	9/1/2017 8:42 AM
155	They're way too expensive	9/1/2017 8:11 AM
156	the books that i have to buy and cant rent are the most expensive, sometimes i think about dropping	9/1/2017 7:58 AM
157	They cost too much when we basically don't even use the entire textbook.	9/1/2017 7:39 AM

Textbook Cost (ZTC Project)

158	I choose my classes the first day We Advisor lets me. This is a month or two before classes start. Text book info isn't usually available until a week or two before class starts. Detailed info, such as whether an online activation code is actually needed or whether an older edition is acceptable, is often not given until the first day of class. Knowing these things might allow me to rent a book or buy a cheaper older one. Essentially, it would be nice if the syllabus for the class was available for viewing when selecting classes on We Advisor. With caveats like "this information is subject to change" of course.	9/1/2017 6:38 AM
159	text books cost too damn much how do y'all expect a bunch of already broke college kids to afford \$500 worth of text books for a single semester	8/31/2017 10:57 PM
160	No	8/31/2017 10:49 PM
161	With the increasing cost of text books I've had to become quite creative with my budget, renting is a great alternative but unfortunately it's not always viable.	8/31/2017 10:29 PM
162	I wish the corruption of book publishers and whoever is getting kickbacks from the schools comes to an end. I cannot see why there is new revisions to books every damn semester and for each new edition we have to fork out hundreds of dollars, not to mention the fact that on each campus and each teacher picks a book of their choice for the same class that is being held on every scccd campus. On top of that we have to wait to see what the teachers pick and then not every campus has the books that the teacher chooses thus, we are playing a wild goose chase to see when the books ordered might come in and what is this new fantastic information for this new edition of for example the topic of Biology, something that never changes. I'm sure the people conducting this survey have nothing to do with the corrupt individuals that keep playing these games just like pharmaceutical companies do with health care providers and health care facilities. It's all about business and I know that no one gives two squirrels nuts about the students. So there is my comment. Stop the corruption and I feel that the text book expense problem just might cease to exist. We are not stupid, we all know what's truly going on just not everyone is willing to speak up on it. I hope and pray for humanity and for all this greed to come to an end.	8/31/2017 10:16 PM
163	Many books are too expensive. For example the child development book cost 180.	8/31/2017 10:05 PM
164	Yes, Some text books are extremely expensive. But I understand it is necessary for adding contemporary information and adding new authors. But please understand from our point-of-view as well, we [college students] do not need to pay expensive cost for minor changes being made to new editions.	8/31/2017 10:05 PM
165	I do not see the purpose of having to spend \$200 plus on a text book that instructors just have us work out of independently. I learn more from lecture, chapter discussions after reading independently, and by doing work based on chapter by chapter. I have had to purchase books that I only had to read and summarize. I learned more from in class lecture. Any amount over \$100 is a ridiculous amount to spend on a single text book. The ability to afford a text book should not be a factor in continuing education.	8/31/2017 10:00 PM
166	Books are way too expensive and students only need them for that semester. They become unusable and a waste of a lot of money. It is unfair that the price of text books is skyrocketing. We students have a hard time even affording food and other necessities. It's a huge relief when professors do not recommend text books.	8/31/2017 9:55 PM
167	I am a single mom who works and goes to school full time. All the money I make goes towards bills and it is incredibly hard for me to buy 4-5 text books that all cost over \$100 especially when they all need access codes so I cannot buy them used. I'm going into the 4th week of classes and still cannot afford to buy all my text books.	8/31/2017 9:06 PM
168	i think that professors should send an email out to students at least two weeks prior to class starting so that students who have to buy books out of pocket can plan and budget for their text books to have them in time for class sessions	8/31/2017 9:04 PM
169	text books are extremely expensive. I have only been able to afford it by asking for my family to help me purchase them or trying to borrow one from someone I know who has taken the course.	8/31/2017 8:42 PM
170	Make sure you guys have enough books for all the mag courses at reedley college, its not fair that other courses have stock always available and there short handed	8/31/2017 8:25 PM
171	The text book cost was outrageous! I have previously attended a state college and the text books for general ed courses were nowhere near as expensive as here. Also have been waiting weeks for them to restock Biology books and still nothing. Very disappointed.	8/31/2017 8:16 PM
172	It would be easier and affordable if the cost of the text books would be lower at reedley college.	8/31/2017 8:13 PM

Textbook Cost (ZTC Project)

173	Text books are too expensive and should be lowered for students who don't have stable finances	8/31/2017 7:27 PM
174	The prices are becoming out of control more and more each year. I am a returning student after being out of school for a few years and I did have to drop a class because I couldn't afford the costs, even with financial aide.	8/31/2017 7:20 PM
175	The books are cheaper at other places, the bookstore charges way more than any other store. Faculty that uses personal books are even more expensive at the book store and should be less expensive since the bookstore is the only place to get the book. It seems as if the bookstore uses the personal books to make more money. Very disappointed!	8/31/2017 7:08 PM
176	The fact that we have to update editions of books simply because the author's changed and rearranged a few things, but kept the same general information is ridiculous. It's only money in their pockets and money out of ours, making an education much harder to obtain for many of the students enrolled across all colleges, not just the SCCCD. The costs to many do not justify or inspire the hopes and goals of an education. Text books is only the beginning, the costs of education in the first place is ludicrous; and it is something a lot of people in this beautiful but struggling world need in order to communicate, solve world issues, and find logical paths to peace. Thank you for the opportunity for a response. Many will not reply because the fact many people do not believe their survey responses can make a difference. Please take our thoughts into genuine consideration, because these days it takes more than a single person to make a difference; it takes a community. Let's make that stand out in the name of the name COMMUNITY colleges around and make a difference by working together.	8/31/2017 6:55 PM
177	Text book have been so high i think i pay more on books than my class.....	8/31/2017 6:51 PM
178	Text books should not have a mandatory new addition every year or two, especially when only a few paragraphs and the cover are changed every time. This is a ploy for the faculty (or author) to exploit the students more. I think unless dramatic new information is discovered (such as a great stride in science) new editions of text books should not be mandatory but every 10 years. This way students can readily trade, or sell much cheaper used books.	8/31/2017 6:51 PM
179	lower the prices please	8/31/2017 6:38 PM
180	Text books are overly priced for the amount students already have to pay for classes and other supplies	8/31/2017 6:24 PM
181	I had to take a year of school because i do not get financial aid and I'm broke and can't afford books for school	8/31/2017 6:21 PM
182	I schedule a majority of the classes based on what books I will most likely need. If I have 5 classes 2-3 of them include books.	8/31/2017 6:19 PM
183	Text book prices can get pretty hefty quickly. Especially having 4 books over \$100 each. Coming from a low income family, I've had to come up with creative ways to obtain my text books whether that be borrowing or purchasing a used copy from someone for a cheaper price.	8/31/2017 6:17 PM
184	Text books are too expensive. Even with online rentals the cost is prohibitive without some form of financial aide.	8/31/2017 6:06 PM
185	Too expensive	8/31/2017 6:02 PM
186	Text books are way too expensive and shouldn't require every new version, considering most latest versions only have very slight differences than the material actually needed. There need to be more options for purchasing text books. Rentals tend to be out of the question due to many classes requiring some kind of online code. (Or if you end up getting a rental the code itself is as much if not more than the book itself.)	8/31/2017 5:47 PM
187	I've been lucky to have help from family members and recently got financial aid. without the help, i would really struggle to get books	8/31/2017 5:04 PM
188	too expensive. would be nice to not have a required book.	8/31/2017 4:53 PM
189	Many people don't purchase books because the bookstore exacerbates prices. Many will go to the library but not having a physical copy personal copy can prevent notes from being written in ones books. In my case the financial aid office has been having trouble processing my file so i had to get a credit card in the mean time.	8/31/2017 4:53 PM
190	Almost dropped my online class because it was \$100 just to take the my math lab. Even though I had a book that I borrowed	8/31/2017 4:49 PM
191	I still need my book right now I want to cry	8/31/2017 4:45 PM

Textbook Cost (ZTC Project)

192	Many classes are not particular a out where the ook is purchased. Meaning, there are some professors that don't need students to purchase the current edition of a text ook. This is good, ecause renting the text ook from Amazon saves hundreds of dollars. However, there are many classes that require specific customized texts that cost \$200 or more. The num ers can add up if you get more than one class like that. Typically, I spend \$300-500 on text ooks each semester. It isn't ad considering some of my peers spend as much as \$900 a semester on text ooks. I suggest implementing some type of pay-as-you go program. Rather than purchase the ook right away in full, offering a program that allows students to pay monthly efore the semester ends would e a great option.	8/31/2017 4:19 PM
193	McGraw Hill, Pearsons, etc. ig ook companies are a ullpucky scam. there is no reason for a new edition of every text ook to come out every single darn year just ecause the author felt the wording of four different sentences needed to e changed and ch.4 needed to e put efore chapter 7 ut after ch.5 in order to "help" the flow of inforation it the ook. its a money gru ing crapshoot on these distri utors as well as the chool for allowing it to e so rather then finding etter ways to provide the essential information regarding the classes su ject matter. State college should e a out helping students achieve success in acedamia ut todays world college just feels like us students are eing ran through a slaughter and meat packing facility just to keep pushing money ack to the state during our time within the institution as well as after us succesfull few who graduate and pullll into the crapshow workforce only to ent over and plugged in the um y damn state taxes; a hefty amount y the way which goes right ack to your darn institution. wheres the integrity scccd?	8/31/2017 4:18 PM
194	I think it's even more redo lupus when a reach picks a ook they know is very new or on accessi le in a undle when the internet acess is not even eing used in the course	8/31/2017 4:14 PM
195	Most ooks i uy for classes that are "required" we end up only using a out 1/6th of it or not at all, and it just seems pointless to uy something we aren't even going to use.	8/31/2017 3:57 PM
196	I feel taken advantage of ecause I uy my ooks. I am sitting on a pile of 8 ooks that cannot e resold ecause no one needs them. The text ooks are changed too often. It would e nice to get something out of a \$100+ ook that was only used 16 weeks. I feel taken advantage of every time I go to the ookstore ecause of the way usiness is done too. I tried to return a ook that the teacher said I did not need to uy. It was \$100, used out of the Madera ookstore. I found a etter version of it on E- ooks, for half the price and oughit it thinking I could just return the hard copy to Madera ookstore since I had just oughit the week efore. They gave me a hard time a out the 5 usiness day policy on returns. It was the 8th usiness day and I had no idea a out it. I asked how are students to know a out the return policy? All kinds of info is on my receipt ut you conveniently don't mention this return policy. That's not right. Students are forced to uy these ooks, there are not many options. Thankfully there are rental places ecause the attitudes of those that peddle text ooks are ad and they have ecome cons.	8/31/2017 3:56 PM
197	May e list the ook cost in addition to the course title. I wasn't notified from the waiting list that I was accepted into a class until the day efore class started, and the ook was \$130!	8/31/2017 3:54 PM
198	The cost of text ooks is ridiculously expensive. New editions are constantly coming out and the prices are constantly going up, making classes even more expensive.	8/31/2017 3:51 PM
199	Text ook are way to expensive for students who are trying to learn, the management is so unorganized. teachers need to request ooks needed for students on time.	8/31/2017 3:36 PM
200	It would e highly eneficial to get more afforda le ooks for my classes.	8/31/2017 3:29 PM
201	The ookstore should have ooks at a cheaper price..	8/31/2017 3:27 PM
202	The ookstore at every campus has the ooks at an overly excessive price. It should e cheaper ecause instead of our local ookstore eing a helpful tool, it makes eing a student twice as difficult.	8/31/2017 3:17 PM
203	I elieve a lot of the text ooks are not even necessary since most professors just require you to use them a couple times throughout the whole semester. It's pointless to pay for ooks that aren't really going to e used.	8/31/2017 3:09 PM
204	it is expensive to uy, and takes a lot of money away from us, would prefer it costed 60-80 dollars per text ook.	8/31/2017 3:01 PM
205	They're to expenisve and it's not fair.	8/31/2017 2:36 PM

Textbook Cost (ZTC Project)

206	Its een a out 3 weeks since school started and the ookstore still doesn't have any political science ooks and hadn't got my lueprint reading ook until today. Very unhappy with ookstore service	8/31/2017 2:34 PM
207	The ookstore is an awful place to sell ooks. They mark them up waaaay more than their actual value on other sites.	8/31/2017 2:32 PM
208	they're too expenisve	8/31/2017 2:31 PM
209	Though I have een fortunate enough to e a le to afford what I need for my classes other students are not so fortunate and the cost of text ooks is a disgusting and inexcusa le urden put on students with already tight dudgets. I have and will continue to find ways to avoid paying the full cost for any text ook until more economical options ecome availa le on campus.	8/31/2017 2:30 PM
210	If the professor knows that any edition can e used for the class and let students know, that will e very appreciative than to have to dish out so much money to cover ooks.	8/31/2017 2:30 PM
211	The cost of text ooks is ridiculous! It really doesn't help that they change edition every year making them more and more expensive. Paying hundreds of dollars for ooks on top of class fees is really hard for some of us. Education is important and should e availa le for everyone.	8/31/2017 2:24 PM
212	They need to make them more afforda le and have them in stock.	8/31/2017 2:21 PM
213	The ooks are not exactly the cheapest. But then again almost all college related material is ridiculously overpriced for a new ook. I would expect a new text ook to cost around 50 to around 75 dollars. Not getting up to 110 dollars for a new ook. But that is my only real complaint for college text ooks at least for use in only one semester.	8/31/2017 2:14 PM
214	Not only are the text ooks expensive, ut sometimes it is the software to access the online homework assignments that is too expensive	8/31/2017 2:08 PM
215	The cost of ooks can make it almost impossi le to even e a le to further our education. I not only pay for my classes I pay for ooks that sometimes cost as much as the class and than I have to even pay for parking so I can attend the class that I have to uy expense ooks to pass the class. Being from the middle class who pays for this all themselves all of these extra ook and parking cost load on the stress and are huge arriers to e succesful.	8/31/2017 2:08 PM
216	I might have to drop my class ecause cant purchase the access code	8/31/2017 1:48 PM
217	horri ly high prices its a solutely stupid	8/31/2017 1:42 PM
218	I understand the concept "nothing is free in life" ut I do find it a tad ridiculous when from one edition to the next there's hardly any change in the ook, yet the cost of it goes up even higher.	8/31/2017 1:35 PM
219	The purchase of the ooks for classes are expensive. Some students had to drop out ecause the text ooks is pricey.	8/31/2017 1:33 PM
220	Text ooks are a ridiculously expensive. I have dropped a class ecause of the availa ility of a ook and the days/ hours that the ookstore sells ooks. Particularly when it's a "special college" edition that I can't find elsewhere.	8/31/2017 1:28 PM
221	Although there are many opportunities to have access to a text ook, such as through Amazon Prime or renting for a couple hours from the li rary, this is not always a possi ility and oftentimes students have to either purchase a ook or not e a le to take the class if they can't afford it. This is where the pro lem is. Also, unrelated to the question, you spelled "were" in #5 as "where".	8/31/2017 1:20 PM
222	Books price are getting extremely expensive which is causing me to take less classes or dropping class due to the price of the ook.	8/31/2017 1:12 PM
223	Text ooks cost a tremendous amount for many students, it's very hard to try to keep up with prices, ut there are many other online sources that aid with the prices, ang give discounts.	8/31/2017 1:10 PM
224	text ooks are outrageously price. I fill as through there has to e a way to cut the cost of ooks, so that students have a etter chance at getting what they need.	8/31/2017 1:08 PM
225	It makes it difficult to start on time with the course when the text ooks are so expensive. This semester I could not afford to get all of my ooks efore my classes started, so I had to wait until I was a le to afford the ook. By that time the class had already started and then the ook sold out, so I had to wait until the school received a new shipment. This put me ehind with one of my current classes.	8/31/2017 1:08 PM
226	Way to expensive and unreasona le!	8/31/2017 12:48 PM

Textbook Cost (ZTC Project)

227	Requiring unnecessary books and access codes puts a strain on students who are trying to support themselves.	8/31/2017 12:36 PM
228	They're really expensive. Especially if you are part time and only receive a little bit of financial aid. I rarely had enough to cover for my biology alone. I had to borrow for my other class.	8/31/2017 12:35 PM
229	I was able to afford my books because I received grants. If I had not received grant money it would have been very difficult. Also, I did have to pay extra for one book due to the teacher requiring a different book once she sent our syllabus out compared to what had been listed in the bookstore. I only got \$13 back after spending \$52 earlier this summer on the book, and then rented the one she now required for \$35. Would have been nice to save the \$40 that got wasted. Overall I know that books are just a cost of going to school. But it is hard to pay close to \$100 on some books you're only going to use for a few months.	8/31/2017 12:26 PM
230	I believe they should have a check out like a library or rent a book policy.	8/31/2017 12:08 PM
231	Books are TOO expensive. thats all	8/31/2017 12:02 PM
232	even though i am able to get the book within the first 3 weeks of class, it is only because i borrow money or use all of my financial aid on them.	8/31/2017 12:02 PM
233	Its mainly having to purchase the book along with online access.	8/31/2017 12:01 PM
234	Offering a few books in the class, during the class not to be taken out of class would be appreciative.	8/31/2017 11:58 AM
235	I usually buy my text books on Amazon Prime because it's a lot cheaper there. When they are not on Amazon Prime, then it becomes an issue. I avoid buying books on campus like the plague because they are so over priced there.	8/31/2017 11:55 AM
236	I could only have afforded two of the four books I needed for my semester only through the assistance of EOPS program.	8/31/2017 11:35 AM
237	I get that the publishers and the writers need to make a profit, but sometimes even with financial aid we can be using pretty much all of it and have little to no money left over for any other expenses that may come along. This being said may be a slight price reduction could help, also some courses don't require the actual book but just the E-book, with that being said the on campus bookstore should be able to give us the option to buy the book, just the access code, or both depending on our individual needs and funds available to us.	8/31/2017 11:33 AM
238	LOWER THE COST	8/31/2017 11:31 AM
239	I feel like the price of text books are overly priced and the bookstore should have shipments booked back to back when the books are out of stock. Students rely on text books and very many cannot afford them due to their cost. I am barely able to manage getting them just because I buy some used and some new.	8/31/2017 11:26 AM
240	Text books should be cheaper for college students since there is so many other things we need to pay for. Some students even have families so it's difficult to support their families and buy text books.	8/31/2017 11:17 AM
241	Text books are too expensive.	8/31/2017 11:16 AM
242	no	8/31/2017 11:11 AM
243	just make the cost a little cheaper or do a payment plan	8/31/2017 11:08 AM
244	why are they so expensive	8/31/2017 11:07 AM
245	Text book price is too high. They need to lower the price on all college text books. Too expensive!	8/31/2017 10:53 AM
246	THEY ARE VERY EXPENSIVE!! I don't think it costs over 100 bucks to make a text book :)))	8/31/2017 10:52 AM
247	No comments.	8/31/2017 10:47 AM

Textbook Cost (ZTC Project)

248	I understand that nothing in life is completely free and y no means am I suggesting that text ooks should e completely free ut the cost of text ooks have een a large o stacle of me, sometimes costing me more than the class itself, it ecomes a very heavy weight while trying to support my family so its almost like I have to ration myself in taking the courses I need towards my degree. I've often dropped courses simply ecause I could t afford the ooks or any alternatives to them. Like this semester Fall 2017, I love my classes and there content ut I have to drop one class ecause I really cant afford the ooks for anymore classes than the ones I have already. Its very saddening that the price of text ooks are so ridiculously high, there are a few professors who will try to make life easier y allowing previous editions ut with that there will always e "risk" of lost, different or changed content.	8/31/2017 10:39 AM
249	They are to expensive. Trying to pay for classes and ooks with no help is hard.	8/31/2017 10:31 AM
250	Yes, some of the text ooks are to expensive to uy all 2 or 3 or more at one time asis. It leads me to a direction to drop several course classes, ecause of the high cost of text ooks and a limit of funds to purchase one text ook.	8/31/2017 10:26 AM
251	Stop making special custom edition for classes that jacks up the price. Online access codes are ridiculously expensive and you only have them for a period of time. I honestly look for instructors who do not require online access codes ecause it is cheaper for me and I do not get any aid for school supplies etc.	8/31/2017 10:25 AM
252	access code costs keep me from uying text ooks. The access code is \$50-80 then I have to spend the same amount or more on a text ook? No thanks. At least I can sell a text ook to make most of the money ack. Access codes are one and done and I CANNOT take most classes without them. Please transition to free HW su missions on canvas. I know teachers don't want to grade physical papers, ut don't put the urden on the students financially for the teacher's convenience. If anything the teacher should invest something to make their jo easier.	8/31/2017 10:25 AM
253	I don't uy text ooks unless I get a very, very good deal. I usually rent, which on Amazon runs me \$20-35 per ook per semester.	8/31/2017 10:24 AM
254	The cost of text ooks is outrageous. The price, especially if you are uying your ooks/access codes from the ookstore themselves is way more expensive than getting it from somewhere else. Our school is where it should e more helpful and economical ut it isn't. Even though it is optional at times to purchase them else where, sometimes we are forced to uy them at the ookstore ecause the teacher's need a specific make or model of the ook/codes.	8/31/2017 10:24 AM
255	SOMETHING HAS TO CHANGE - IF ALL BOOKS WERE AVAILABLE FOR RENT ON A ELECTRONIC EBOOK LEVEL IT WOULD HELP .. ANYTHING	8/31/2017 10:10 AM
256	It isn't just the price. I get financial aid, and the check doesn't come until after classes start. I always have to orrow money until my financial aid finally comes. I still don't get mine until next week. That is a month into classes. Unaccepta le. I couldn't go last semester ecause my money didn't come, and I couldn't find any money to orrow. So I missed an entire semester. The system sucks. Only people with money can go to college. So poor people stay poor, and rich people get to stay rich. The system is rigged against the poor.	8/31/2017 10:03 AM
257	no	8/31/2017 10:02 AM
258	I waitress for a living and due to may parents making over the limit I get no finical aid. So I only take a few classes at a time ecause I have ills to pay and cant afford all the ook and material I need for all of the classes. I also get no help from my parents.	8/31/2017 10:02 AM
259	due to the rising costs of text ooks i have dropped some classes ecause for a one unit course or 3 unit course the text ook was almost with tax 299.00 for one ook which i couldnt afford and makes me ehind my student education plan ecause the cost of the text ook is too expensive..... please lower the prices so me and other students can take courses and get text ooks afforda le	8/31/2017 9:58 AM
260	ooks shouldn't e that expensive due to the fact that some of us have to pay for oth our classes and text ooks.	8/31/2017 9:54 AM
261	Yes, sometimes the text ook we uy for this semester we can't even sell ack. It's just not worth it to pay full price and get may e 1/4 ack. Sometimes they don't even uy the ooks ack ecause they've changed it. I've just learned to rent them it's cheaper, ut from outside sources. FCC and the other affiliates still charge an arm and a leg to uy ooks, ut it's still costly to rent here too.	8/31/2017 9:54 AM
262	I think students should see if they qualify for low-income help. Students should e more informed of all the programs that help with ooks and other resources.	8/31/2017 9:47 AM

Textbook Cost (ZTC Project)

263	My fafsa hasn't processed through. I had to use my paycheck and pay my books & 2 codes for the online class Is-15 that was \$128 that's a ridiculous amount of money especially if a student does not hold a job parents are left with that cost. That's as much as a pg&e bill.	8/31/2017 9:42 AM
264	Students have a hard enough time paying for classes in general, the cost of books on top of that hinders most students from achieving a higher education.	8/31/2017 9:39 AM
265	Lower the cost for renting books to make them more affordable.	8/31/2017 9:39 AM
266	very expensive	8/31/2017 9:38 AM
267	No.	8/31/2017 9:35 AM
268	N/A	8/31/2017 9:31 AM
269	Because text books are costly, it restricts my ability to use money for other necessities for school, such as gas or certain fees i need to pay.	8/31/2017 9:29 AM
270	I had saved up a lot of money to be able to afford my books. They added up to nearly \$600, which is nearly what my credits added up to.	8/31/2017 9:29 AM
271	i just wish they weren't soooooo much money	8/31/2017 9:18 AM
272	Text books are definitely expensive. It is very difficult to purchase text books when you don't get financial aid (or it's withheld) or do not get paid yet. This causes a lot of stress as a student, because you wish to do well, but are unable to set a strong foundation for the class in the beginning when you do not have the text.	8/31/2017 9:09 AM
273	Students already have so much to pay, they don't make a lot of money if they are working and not all of them receive financial aid. I get that the school and text book publishers want to make as much money as they can, even if that means y ripping off students, but it is way too costly at times, hence the main reason why many people don't want to attend college/universities in the first place. Especially when the text books that are required are new editions, when old editions have the same info, just moved around and a bit more added in the newer editions. So it makes no sense to have to buy a \$200 dollar book when you could purchase an old edition for much cheaper, or stop trying to bring out newer editions and trying to make students pay more.	8/31/2017 9:09 AM
274	none at the moment.	8/31/2017 9:06 AM
275	The EOPS CARE program helped a lot with purchasing the majority of my books. I could have either way but this helped me greatly.	8/31/2017 8:59 AM
276	College books are very pricey especially if your going to be a full time student	8/31/2017 8:59 AM
277	I could afford most text books that I needed within the first week by purchasing/renting e-books.	8/31/2017 8:52 AM
278	I appreciate teachers who are willing to accommodate for students who cannot afford text books immediately by allowing them to use older editions (which are significantly cheaper in general in my experience).	8/31/2017 8:50 AM
279	They have gotten more expensive. I do have financial aid to help pay for them but the prices are ridiculous. The books seem to get more expensive every semester. And here at Reedley another thing that got more expensive are the parking permits, they used to be a out \$22-25 depending on the semester and now they are \$30 and there is less parking. The parking spots are very limited even for staff.	8/31/2017 8:47 AM
280	I think that the cost of text book it to much. And when I learned the cost it did make me think of dropping some of my classes.	8/31/2017 8:22 AM
281	going to school and trying to purchase books is very hard especially if you purchase a book that is on the bookstore for the course you re taking and when you go to class the instructor is not using that book . sometime you pay a lot of money and you have to sell that same book you purchased for like bucks and you purchased it for 85	8/31/2017 8:18 AM
282	LOWER THE PRICES	8/31/2017 8:14 AM
283	This semester my financial aid was delayed which is why I had a hard time purchasing my books on-time.	8/31/2017 8:14 AM
284	Bookstore lines are to long. Working individuals do not have time to wait hours in line to buy text books.	8/31/2017 8:14 AM
285	The Bookstore is more expensive than if you buy it directly from the publisher, and that says a lot.	8/31/2017 8:11 AM

Textbook Cost (ZTC Project)

286	The truth is I don't even buy the textbook. Thanks to your prices.	8/31/2017 8:05 AM
287	the impact of the textbook cost is very high impacted on the students who are head of household and single parents especially when they take a large amount of units (12) it gets expensive very fast then again if they dont get financial aid or have any other support program they struggle with books cost are have to find a way to buy the books. I go through this every semester.	8/31/2017 8:05 AM
288	It is VERY helpful when and instructor will allow you to use a book that might be one version below the current if they are similar enough, because the cost is usually MUCH more affordable!!!	8/31/2017 8:02 AM
289	I wish to have textbooks on line or make the costs at a lower value.	8/31/2017 7:59 AM
290	Book prices are way too high. Most of the time we only use one book per semester and we can not sell them because people don't want to pay not even half of the price we got them for.	8/31/2017 7:59 AM
291	Most student find decent prices of books on the Internet, why not have the book stores carry the books for those prices? It would make it much easier on the student to be able to buy it on campus instead of having to wait for shipping and getting in trouble for not having their book on time	8/31/2017 7:53 AM
292	The bookstore takes advantage of how desperately the students need the books by doubling the price to almost 200\$ when its less than 100\$ to buy it online.	8/31/2017 7:51 AM
293	Textbooks are very expensive but you can resell them for part of what you paid for them when you are done. However the expensive access codes cannot be resold and are not reusable.	8/31/2017 7:50 AM
294	Textbooks should be included in tuition.	8/31/2017 7:48 AM
295	overpriced, could get them on amazon for half the price.	8/31/2017 7:32 AM
296	textbook cost are just soo expensive, it's impossible some times for myself to afford them because I am only paying them on my own with no help from anyone. So its just hard I have dropped classes and not taken more than one class because of the cost of textbooks and not being able to afford them. I think the cost of textbooks should definitely be lowered or do like a waiver or something to help students who have trouble like myself.	8/31/2017 7:28 AM
297	Too expensive and for some classes we didn't even use it	8/31/2017 7:27 AM
298	The books should cost a little less than they suppose to be selling for because of the amount of money that i have to spend on books	8/31/2017 7:24 AM
299	Financial aid is the reason I was able to obtain the required textbooks. With out financial aid my answer may have been different.	8/31/2017 7:23 AM
300	Luckily, for me I have EOPS and they give out book vouchers. This is actually my second semester of my first year and last semester I remember I struggled and worried that I had to drop my classes. Then, I got my eops voucher so that was good. I do in fact believe that textbooks should be cheaper.	8/31/2017 7:21 AM
301	I haven't had to drop courses yet because of the textbook cost, but it was still incredibly heavy. I might have to drop in the future if it continues to be such a high cost.	8/31/2017 7:13 AM
302	The price of books is ridiculous.	8/31/2017 7:11 AM
303	I get no financial aid, due to the profits my parents make from owning a business. I work two jobs so i can afford to live near Reedley and buy my books twice a year. Book costs are too expensive, especially math. For the cheap product we get it is over priced.	8/31/2017 7:06 AM
304	The biggest problem is when online access is required, because even if the book is cheap, the online access is expensive.	8/31/2017 7:04 AM
305	I am broke.	8/31/2017 6:59 AM
306	The only way I was able to afford my books this semester is by putting them on my credit card.	8/31/2017 6:54 AM
307	I am lucky to be able to afford these textbooks; however, I know many other students are not as fortunate. Textbook prices are insanely high.	8/31/2017 6:42 AM
308	Even if we do buy the books we can't even sell them to get our money back.	8/31/2017 6:39 AM
309	books are useless	8/31/2017 6:27 AM

Textbook Cost (ZTC Project)

310	BA 38 this semester...Info was NOT posted until one week before class. I called Madera Center, Kathleen. Her daughter works the FCC bookstore. The dau says "no books were purchased and will take at least another week". There was a test the first Wed of the week and no one had books, so I dropped the class yet on that very Wed, Balakian sent emails to students saying she is dropping the amount of books which will lower the cost by 50.00. What? I try to set aside 100.00 per book per semester but so many are so much higher. I prefer new books (a germ thing) but this is ridiculous. And speaking of ridiculous, WHY is a different book required for each class? Surely you can't say that history or business or nursing or law or anything has changed ENOUGH to make the need to buy a completely different book EACH semester?!?!?! I'd like a reply to this. and one more thing...I am DSPS. I have a LOT of difficulty walking yet I had to go to Madera Center 3x for 2 books. Once to be told the ordered book didn't arrive, 2x to get them as they didn't come in at same time. What? And furthermore, DSPS students should be able to have the info about books about a month BEFORE class begins. We have different ways of getting things done. This may not make sense to you or this survey but it sure makes sense to me. You know who I am if you want further info. I have tons of it.	8/31/2017 5:56 AM
311	They really need to decrease the cost of text books especially when some of the classes never uses the text book.	8/31/2017 5:53 AM
312	The state of California and FCC is colluding with book publishers for profit.	8/31/2017 5:49 AM
313	Text book cost is a cause for anxiety prior to the school year start because an average book price can be \$100, when taking a full class load that can be \$400+ on books which does not include the cost of general stationary, binders, car park pass etc. It can be quite a problem to know that book costs can dictate how many classes you will end up taking.	8/31/2017 5:36 AM
314	Prices are way to high and make some not want to take a class because of it	8/31/2017 4:55 AM
315	yes, the books are to expensive for me to carry a full load of units. I also would like to take courses out of my major such as business technology to improve my typing, math, English skills but the text books are to expensive so I have to limit myself to one or two classes per semester.This would take me longer to finish my two year college degree in social work.	8/31/2017 4:47 AM
316	It's hard for me to think education over worrying if I could afford my next meal.. Text books are very expensive on the added costs of tuition and transportation to school.	8/30/2017 11:42 PM
317	Make Books Free	8/30/2017 11:37 PM
318	It can really put a toll on a person. I began feeling depressed I felt like I couldn't do none of my work on time always stressing	8/30/2017 11:37 PM
319	The high cost of text books has cause many people I know to pirate PDF versions of the book or just rent them from Amazon or Chegg.	8/30/2017 11:18 PM
320	Books are way to expensive!! Plus all the stuff in the bookstore is way overpriced. You guys sell 100 blank microscope slides for like \$20!!!! You can get the same on Amazon for \$6!!! Outrageous!	8/30/2017 11:11 PM
321	Most teachers required an online access code, leaving the option to buy more affordable used books unavailable. Also, many of the books are only good for one year, which is unnecessary as the new versions of the books hardly differ.	8/30/2017 11:07 PM
322	They are over priced and I always rent a book or borrow because it cost too much	8/30/2017 10:59 PM
323	Text book costs makes it almost impossible to take the classes I need.	8/30/2017 10:49 PM
324	It's becoming more difficult to purchase text books due to the fact most of the students are looking another way to get extra income just to buy their text books. Meaning more students are spending less time on studying and working two or three jobs just to buy one text book.	8/30/2017 10:21 PM
325	The worst is the return policy of five days is horrific. it kicking us while we are down. I being disallowed buy my books week before school starts and if any thing happens; I now stuck with that book. I have drop a class because I realize that it not going to be an environment I can learn from. Renting books have help in a lower price.	8/30/2017 10:15 PM
326	It seems as though text books do not get used because of online we codes and these codes are just as expensive and not affordable to most student who may not be eligible for financial assistance	8/30/2017 10:10 PM
327	Most professors are kind enough to support previous versions of text books greatly reducing the cost, and services like renting books from Amazon further reduces these costs	8/30/2017 9:59 PM

Textbook Cost (ZTC Project)

328	The cost of books now a days is overwhelming to college students like myself. Stressing on the 1-2 weeks of class just thinking how expensive and broke I will be because of the cost per book. It is very difficult to pay \$200 for one book for one specific class. If I might add having to pay every semester for a new access code for almost the same class is just beyond me. If books were less expensive it would be less stress on us. Thank you I hope you take our comments into consideration when raising college book prices.	8/30/2017 9:59 PM
329	Text books are way expensive. You use them for one semester and then a new edition comes out, making your book worthless. You can't sell it to anyone. Online books with limited access, such as just one semester, should not cost an arm and a leg.	8/30/2017 9:49 PM
330	tooooo expensive	8/30/2017 9:44 PM
331	I want to suggest that you guys need to lower the costs of the text books at the bookstore. I've been able to afford my text books online from Amazon, some text books have to be bought at the bookstore if they are custom to the class or if you can't find the latest version that the class requires. After all, we do typically use the books only once. I had to buy my IS 12 text book at the bookstore and it came out to be over \$100. Some students wouldn't be able to afford it, I almost had to drop out of that class but I was blessed to be able to get the book.	8/30/2017 9:40 PM
332	no	8/30/2017 9:39 PM
333	wileyplus is robbery	8/30/2017 9:37 PM
334	they're so expensive nowadays	8/30/2017 9:33 PM
335	We are college students on a very tight and small budget the books should be affordable for us to purchase not expensive to where we can not pay for our books. Some of us have bills, rent, and other responsibilities to pay for besides paying for text books.	8/30/2017 9:28 PM
336	Try Not Change Editions As Often, I Understand It May Have New Or More Info, But Try Avoiding That & Also Have More Books On Reserve At The Library	8/30/2017 9:23 PM
337	PRICES ON TEXTBOOKS SHOULD GO LOWER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! TO MUCH MONEY	8/30/2017 9:12 PM
338	we should be able to rent for a lower cost	8/30/2017 9:09 PM
339	The text book prices for the books is most of the time outrageous especially for those that do not get financial aid.	8/30/2017 9:09 PM
340	costs too much and do not get much help to buy them	8/30/2017 9:07 PM
341	Really expensive when discussing the price of college books.	8/30/2017 9:05 PM
342	Students have enough problems trying to purchase a book at the bookstore or waiting for a rental to arrive on time but then you have professors that ask for 2 or more books for that class. Why should a student have to buy more than one book per class and not have the professor use it. I've had professors say we have to get a certain book and not need the book the entire semester. We should be allowed to know if we are really going to use that material because then we are stuck with that book that we purchased, looking for someone to give us back the money we wasted. Unfortunately, you always get half of what you paid for.	8/30/2017 8:59 PM
343	It is very hard for me, as a student that's not working, and depending on the financial aid check to cover the cost of my books for every semester. Since this semester, I have not received my check in time, I can not afford to purchase any of my books in time but have no choice but to go to the library and make copies of the old edition, or I would ask my classmate if I can make copies of their book.	8/30/2017 8:57 PM
344	They need to be available to students that could not afford them	8/30/2017 8:54 PM
345	It's really helpful to have the professors mention whether or not using a previous edition of the text in an option. often these are much less expensive for almost identical content.	8/30/2017 8:42 PM
346	You should try to keep the cost of online text books below \$100	8/30/2017 8:40 PM
347	Too much	8/30/2017 8:27 PM
348	No it's a reasonable amount for buying text books	8/30/2017 8:23 PM
349	definitely makes it harder for students who are just trying to start over in school, it can be stressful when you don't have the funds/means to purchase books.	8/30/2017 8:20 PM

Textbook Cost (ZTC Project)

350	The cost of textbooks is high when you consider you will only use it on occasion, depending on the teacher. Of course that is, if you use it at all. Once the class is done you will more than likely never use it again. Textbooks should be available for check out. Student should be liable when lost or damaged like any other library book.	8/30/2017 8:16 PM
351	just wish it were like a library process.	8/30/2017 8:15 PM
352	They are a lot for students we are trying to save up so we can transfer to a university. And I feel that the bookstore people are plain out lazy they don't do their job they should be able to look for students because we need the book they need to look there getting paid. It's just really upsetting.	8/30/2017 8:15 PM
353	The cost of textbooks for me didn't make such an impact in whether I was going to drop a class but it is an issue when the price for just one is about \$300. There isn't many textbooks that are used in the bookstore but even the ones that are, just to rent or buy them used the price is still very high.	8/30/2017 8:12 PM
354	It gets really expensive to purchase books.	8/30/2017 8:11 PM
355	I have noticed that within the last couple of years the cost of books has increased each semester. There are also multiple books for the same subject. I have had some instructors tell the class that they were forced to use the books that cost more because the head of that department made the decision that the students needed to learn from those textbooks when there was actually a better textbook at a cheaper cost that covered the same material.	8/30/2017 8:11 PM
356	Some professor wants the latest edition although the edition before it can be used because it has only minimum changes. Student like me only work part time and not eligible for financial aid. I still have to pay for rent, bills, car, etc. I do not have the extra cash to spend on books and online codes (for homeworks), the cost almost half the price of the books. I wished the necessary books are available at the library and not just one but more than couples of it to be shared among students.	8/30/2017 8:04 PM
357	It's a major cost for me that sometimes I have to wait two months before I can buy my textbook	8/30/2017 8:02 PM
358	Earning a degree is very costly, and schools/ teachers having to use or adapt a new book every semester is disheartening, a sad waste of trees.	8/30/2017 8:02 PM
359	The only reason I was able to afford my books was because of Amazon rentals. While I did receive financial aid, the majority of it had to go to a good computer and transportation, leaving a small budget for books. I ordered all but one of my books through Amazon rentals and I feel the prices for textbooks at the college are insane. (P.S. You have a typo on question #5.)	8/30/2017 7:58 PM
360	I feel that the books cost too much and with all the other expenses that we have when it comes to our grant it's hard to purchase all that you need especially when it's your only income.	8/30/2017 7:56 PM
361	The textbooks are very high priced which makes it difficult when we have more than 4 classes.	8/30/2017 7:55 PM
362	The cost of books is a concern for me. Any textbook over one hundred dollars seems outrageous and when you have to buy more than one for a class you end up paying more for books than the class.	8/30/2017 7:51 PM
363	It would be more cost effective if the school system switched to cheaper or cost free learning systems as an alternative to Connect. Also, students should not have to pay to have access to homework or pay for homework packets.	8/30/2017 7:49 PM
364	some textbooks are insanely expensive and can only be used once. my polsci book was \$90 and was only good for one semester. there should be a policy requiring the previous 2 editions be acceptable. there was no good reason to have a polsci book that was brand new. having information on the most recent election does not justify the expense incurred by the newest edition of the text. something with math books. they don't come up with enough new information to justify requiring a new book.	8/30/2017 7:49 PM
365	I did buy the books but I had to wait until the second week to be able to collect all the money needed to buy them.	8/30/2017 7:36 PM
366	Its too damn high	8/30/2017 7:28 PM
367	i think textbook should be less expensive if only use them for one semester. we should at least get half of what we paid for when we sell it back to the book store.	8/30/2017 7:28 PM
368	the books are costly and the loose leaf are worse. with a loose leaf book you have to get a binder and the binders destroy the book so you have to get the little circle protectors for the pages. so it ends up costing us more.	8/30/2017 7:27 PM

Textbook Cost (ZTC Project)

369	Books requiring a code are very expensive, and financial aid comes late if you have classes that are waitlisted. Professors don't care if you cannot afford it. They will drop you!! Very stressful EVERY semester!!	8/30/2017 7:26 PM
370	They are too expensive. The school bookstore should have the books at a lower rate rather than having them regular price, just as a help towards the students.	8/30/2017 7:24 PM
371	Prices discourage students from buying all or some of their books.	8/30/2017 7:22 PM
372	The price of textbooks are many times way over priced and then you have back orders on many books that are required for a class and the student gets nothing.	8/30/2017 7:20 PM
373	I think it is ridiculous that we as students are expected to pay, sometimes over \$150 or more, for a textbook that we are only using for 18 months. I took a short-term psychology class a couple semesters ago that required a book that cost over \$200. My total amount to purchase books that semester for 4 classes was close to \$600. I do not think that students should be required to pay that much money for books they are only using for a semester.	8/30/2017 7:17 PM
374	I mainly try to get the books used online on either Amazon.com or ThriftBooks.com because of the cost of even the used books at the campus bookstore	8/30/2017 7:15 PM
375	When students at the end of the year sell books back, it is usually in excellent condition or they wouldn't try to sell it back. The price should not be \$5 for a sell back for a textbook that is ten times that price.	8/30/2017 7:12 PM
376	The cost of textbooks are incredibly unreasonable.	8/30/2017 7:12 PM
377	It is difficult to buy textbooks when students do not receive financial aid or qualify for special programs.	8/30/2017 7:11 PM
378	The Madera Center Bookstore is backed up on La Manuals for Bio 10L which has made it hard for me to be successful in class. The teacher is pushing us towards ordering online but I can only afford the textbooks thanks to EOPS which means I have to get them at the bookstore. I was on a "waiting list," but never got a call back. I went to check to realize I was never on the list since they lost the index card in which they wrote my name.	8/30/2017 7:09 PM
379	Its not so much the cost of the actual books as it is the access codes. There is no way to reuse an access code or to buy it used and I've had to buy at LEAST one access code every semester I've been in college.	8/30/2017 7:06 PM
380	They should just have classroom copies or have they digital so we don't have to pay for them	8/30/2017 7:06 PM
381	I think the cost of books is ridiculously expensive! I'm a grown woman in my 40's and I can barely afford it. I couldn't even qualify for a fee waiver. I can imagine how hard it is for students who don't qualify for financial aid.	8/30/2017 7:06 PM
382	I don't understand how students who attend community college because they cant afford a state school are being asked to purchase such expensive access codes and textbooks.	8/30/2017 7:05 PM
383	Thankfully there are cites that are dedicated to student success and allow students to have their books either by rental or bought for a good price and shipped on time for class homework.	8/30/2017 7:01 PM
384	No.	8/30/2017 6:58 PM
385	I compared the price of buying a textbook from the bookstore and buying the book from the textbook manufacturer. Fresno City Bookstore: \$220 Manufacturer: \$160 FCC jacked up the price by \$60. Your faculty, staff, and teachers are constantly sympathizing with us students, agreeing that textbooks are too expensive, but really you are just a bunch of crooks.	8/30/2017 6:55 PM
386	The cost of textbooks is so inconvenient to many people that they choose to rent most of the time. It's the only way they can afford it.	8/30/2017 6:49 PM
387	Have more at the library reserves	8/30/2017 6:47 PM
388	I get my books on Amazon, which has very reasonable pricing. If you get Prime student (which is much cheaper than amazon prime) you can get same day delivery on your textbooks.	8/30/2017 6:44 PM
389	I understand needing to buy an expensive book when the teacher uses the online quizzes and/or the book as a supplement; however, buying a book only to find out that it is not really necessary is a horrible experience.	8/30/2017 6:43 PM

Textbook Cost (ZTC Project)

390	As a returning student after a hiatus from higher education for over a decade, I've been reminded of the injustice of education being a commodity. Being a student in my thirties, with a bit more life experience behind me than my first time around, I've been more comfortable as an advocate for the quality of my education. I'm a student, not a consumer, and it is overwhelming to be essentially asked into a corner to spend an exorbitant amount of money on something that shouldn't be a right, not an industry. I shouldn't have to decide between paying my rent or buying a book necessary for my education. This is the place I was in this semester. When a textbook is marginally amended and then reissued in a new edition, it is a direct and blatant effort to take advantage of a vulnerable population - Students. As long as this system goes unregulated, education will continue to be inaccessible to the most vulnerable in our society, leaving the divide between privilege and disadvantaged, too great to surpass.	8/30/2017 6:43 PM
391	The impact of textbook cost doesn't affect me because I get financial aid. However, if I did not receive financial aid I don't think I'd be a full-time college student because textbooks are extremely expensive. I have friends that don't get FASFA and they have to space out their classes each semester so the cost wouldn't be a burden.	8/30/2017 6:40 PM
392	Sometimes it's not just the financial side of obtaining the textbook but also how some books are limited especially if a professor demands a certain edition for the course.	8/30/2017 6:38 PM
393	Teachers shouldn't discourage buying older editions. Usually they are almost exactly the same minus a few paragraphs and you can save hundreds of dollars.	8/30/2017 6:37 PM
394	I rather just rent the books off Amazon. They are way cheaper than at the bookstore. If you want my business, compete with Amazon.	8/30/2017 6:34 PM
395	Textbooks are the biggest waste of money in higher education. It's racketeering.	8/30/2017 6:33 PM
396	It is more expensive when the student has to buy the book.	8/30/2017 6:31 PM
397	We are in school to make money, we do not currently have it, especially for textbooks.	8/30/2017 6:27 PM
398	Textbook cost is ridiculously high, especially for students, like myself, that DO NOT qualify for EOPS or SSS. The cost of one single textbook is equal to the amount of one car payment. Paying \$300+ for a textbook that will only be used for 16 weeks at the most, is insane. The EOPS and SSS textbook vouchers that many students receive should instead be used to print loose leaf, black and white, simple versions of textbooks needed. Especially at a community college level, BOOKS SHOULD NOT BE OVERWHELMINGLY EXPENSIVE.	8/30/2017 6:25 PM
399	The price of textbooks is ridiculous, especially with the small number and dubious necessity of "revisions" that come with each new (and ever more expensive) edition. The teachers aren't getting the money, and it's a financial burden on the students; unless they're on financial aid (you basically have to be able to afford college). In that case the effect is just spread out and the taxes required to support financial aid get taken out of the poor student's minimum wages. No aid program will fix this, the textbooks need to be cheaper to begin with. Not to mention, usually you need to buy a textbook AND an online code!	8/30/2017 6:08 PM
400	For most of my classes all we need is the connect code not the book.	8/30/2017 6:04 PM
401	It is also hard to purchase access codes for class because financial aid doesn't come in before start of class, so I end up dropping the class.	8/30/2017 5:58 PM
402	prices need to be more reasonable	8/30/2017 5:56 PM
403	College already costs so much money, and it is important to partake in furthering your education. It makes it difficult that we as students still have to pay these outrageous prices for books that we will need for a couple of months and we often only need the books for a few chapters. This is one of the major reasons college students are in debt.	8/30/2017 5:56 PM
404	the costs of textbooks is too much for me to purchase and it's hard to learn without the book but I cannot afford all of them for all my four classes.	8/30/2017 5:53 PM
405	It's ruining people's chances at succeeding in college.	8/30/2017 5:41 PM
406	Online services have made the textbook situation far more rigid and much less affordable. While they are certainly good resources, you cannot buy online work used. You cannot buy older editions of online work and as a result it is increasingly difficult to be frugal.	8/30/2017 5:40 PM
407	I think that money rules the world, and we revolve around it. Education should be easily accessible. Textbooks should be relatively easy/affordable to acquire. The impact of the cost of textbooks is immense, not only for me, but for many others as well.	8/30/2017 5:39 PM

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408	I think that text books should be more cost effective for students that are not able to afford them right away.	8/30/2017 5:35 PM
409	I work full time so purchasing books is a little easier to me. I would never buy a book on campus. Prices are a joke to anyone who bothers to compare prices to other retailers.	8/30/2017 5:35 PM
410	Amazon has the books cheaper than the library.	8/30/2017 5:32 PM
411	Text books are my least favorite part of class, mainly because I've had a lot of teachers require the text book and say we will be using it all semester, just for my book to sit in my room unopened. I just wish more teachers were honest about whether or not we would use the text book. I also feel like I never use my text book enough to justify the amount I spent on it.	8/30/2017 5:27 PM
412	My text books this semester were all under \$50 a piece, however, I have been tempted many times to try to go through the class without the text book because it could save me hundreds.	8/30/2017 5:24 PM
413	we must get our financial aid faster. I am still waiting for my aid and I still haven't received it. Make it happen.	8/30/2017 5:24 PM
414	Text book prices are high and I understand someone has to make money on the book they wrote, but it's hard as a full time college student who lives on their own, pays bills, etc to have to spend even more money on books. What's even more frustrating is that some students get book vouchers just because their parents income is low enough on the FAFSA for them to qualify for extra financial help. My parents make a good amount of money but don't contribute any of it to my bills, expenses, school tuition, etc., but yet it still determines what kind of financial help I will receive from the school.	8/30/2017 5:21 PM
415	Honestly, the cost of text books are really costly. My text books alone costed \$700 + this semester and that was for . I am a full-time student and work part-time. Seeing the prices of the text books made my heart sink because it's something that I couldn't afford. I need the class, so I must purchase the text book5 text books. E books are a great alternative but many like me prefer the hard copy. I really appreciate the survey. It is a constant struggle to be able to fork out the money for the text books. I am also thankful that we are able to rent text books at the bookstore.	8/30/2017 5:17 PM
416	Make sure you buy the right text book and double check before taking the sleeve off	8/30/2017 5:15 PM
417	I really hope there is more programs out there to help with pay for books. It would be very helpful. I was so close to not taking these classes but a good friend lend me money to pay for my books. If it wasn't for my friend, i would not be able to take these classes. Please help	8/30/2017 5:08 PM
418	Text books are TOO expensive! If college is going to be more attainable and affordable, start with text books.	8/30/2017 5:06 PM
419	Text book cost limits me in a lot of ways from taking my classes. I always get the cheapest option by looking online for them. When a professor makes me buy an access code for the class that is only sold in the book store for \$100+, I usually have to eat top ramen for lunch and dinner (seriously. 25 cents a packet)	8/30/2017 5:02 PM
420	I would like to know who is in charge of regulating these prices, they obviously don't get that tuition is already digging into pockets and then books are horrendously expensive. I'm sure they are as bad as people that work on Wall Street and bankers.	8/30/2017 5:00 PM
421	My only complaint is the bookstore was completely sold out of my text books so i had to order them from Amazon	8/30/2017 4:57 PM
422	This is one main reason most don't take all classes or eventually drop out because the cost of books is so much.	8/30/2017 4:56 PM
423	Rent online instead of buying at bookstore	8/30/2017 4:56 PM
424	There to expensive and sometimes we don't even use them.	8/30/2017 4:53 PM
425	I usually rent online and used because I cant afford them from the school bookstores. They are ridiculously expensive, we are college students not people that make 6 figure salaries a year. it would be nice to be able to keep my text books for future use.	8/30/2017 4:51 PM
426	The price of books is completely insane especially after only using them for 5 months max and if you turn around and sell it you get 75% less than what you bought it for.	8/30/2017 4:50 PM
427	The cost is too high, and many students (myself included), will either use a credit card or try to make it through the class without a book.	8/30/2017 4:50 PM
428	NA	8/30/2017 4:48 PM

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429	I was hoping for a financial aid for books as well. For EOPS, they only allow students who are starting to study. I hope that until students transfer, there would be a financial aid.	8/30/2017 4:46 PM
430	University, State, and Community Colleges should help their students out. Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Meal cards are not enough anymore. I worked two part-time jobs, full-time at school, and have family to take care of. It is a lot to juggle with the finances.	8/30/2017 4:45 PM
431	Simply. They're too expensive to merely be used for a couple of months.	8/30/2017 4:44 PM
432	Allow professors and school administrators become more flexible with students to use older versions/editions of textbooks.	8/30/2017 4:43 PM
433	The textbook cost is ridiculous. I usually end up renting my books from a website, instead of buying the book it's a lot cheaper.	8/30/2017 4:42 PM
434	There are many issues when it comes to purchasing textbooks because in my experience I've come to purchase textbooks and there are times when the professor only goes into it 3-4 times through out the entire semester and then we don't need it again. This makes me feel like I just spent so much money on a book that wasn't used to the fullest extent. Another issue is when the only available books are NEW and no USED ones are available. I cannot always afford to purchase a brand new book only to not use it and then only get back a fraction of what I spent on it. And the third issue that I've faced is purchasing a book and trying to sell it back to the book store only to find that that book will no longer be the book used for the class therefore they cannot buy it back. I know we have the option of renting the books as well, but everyone tries that so the rented books are always the first to go.	8/30/2017 4:39 PM
435	The price of books are really high sometimes and the Lab classes as well but you have to buy them no matter if you wanna stay in class	8/30/2017 4:38 PM
436	It would be nicer if other choices were available at a lower cost. Needing to buy certain books can be the difference between eating or studying.	8/30/2017 4:35 PM
437	make textbooks free rental or cheaper and for book buyers stop saying that the "book is too old" when it had just been bought and rarely used	8/30/2017 4:29 PM
438	Given that the book store line the first few weeks of school is on average 2 hours long, the chances of getting a used book can be very slim if you are a full time student who works as well. I am aware that prior to the semester starting you can look up the books needed for your course on the FCC website. However, when doing this once I get to my classes many of the books that the bookstore said I needed were wrong. In this case I have both wasted my time and money on a book I need, and my advantage of getting my books early was useless. Many classes already require an access code for the course, on top of that to have to purchase a book can be a HUGE financial toll. I understand that being a broke college student is a path in most peoples lives. Given that I'm striving to be at the career I want to be at, I shouldn't have setbacks due to the fact textbooks can't be cheaper for students.	8/30/2017 4:28 PM
439	This is a barrier many college students are faced with especially when you do not qualify for EOPS (not 1st generation to attend college) or any form of financial aid (Fee Waiver, Pell Grant etc.).	8/30/2017 4:24 PM
440	Many students have dropped out of college because they couldn't afford affords due to financial issues. please fix this problem, every student deserves a chance to get their education.	8/30/2017 4:19 PM
441	I buy them cheaper on amazon.COM HOWEVER THE access card appears expensive.	8/30/2017 4:19 PM
442	The books would be better accessed if they can rent the books to us or if they would lower the price a little when you buy two or more.	8/30/2017 4:17 PM