



## Shared Governance Idea Submission Form

Students and employees of Fairleigh Dickinson University can use this form to propose an idea to create a new policy or practice or revise an existing policy or practice. Fill out the form and click submit; the form will be sent to a staff member in the Office of the President, who will move it forward to the Governance Steering Council for review.

Requests for anonymity will be respected beyond the Governance Steering Council (GSC), which has to know the name of each person who proposes ideas so that the GSC can ask questions if necessary.

### Caller

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### Additional Information

Your Stakeholder Body Membership (choose one)	Student
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Your Campus Affiliation (choose one)	All Campuses
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Title of Proposal	Bookstore Advisory Committee: BAC to the Future
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Proposal	The Bookstore Advisory Committee (BAC) is established to support Fairleigh Dickinson University's mission of providing day one affordable, equitable, and accessible course materials to all FDU students to enhance learning outcomes and retention while strengthening faculty relationships with course material suppliers and streamlining adoption processes.
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Description of Problem the Proposal Solves or Opportunity for Improvement the Proposal Addresses:	The description of the problem is addressed in the Reason for the Proposal section below. Ultimately improved student learning outcomes, lower costs to students, level learning field from he first day of classes and improved faculty academic freedom and adoption processes.
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Reason for This Proposal

**Purpose**  
The BAC will provide recommendations and guidance to improve the university's course material processes with a focus on the following goals\* Lowering student costs by integrating free OER (Open Educational Resources) materials with lowest cost course materials available.  
\* Aid in increasing retention rates through student success.  
\* Increasing access to OER (Open Educational Resources) with library collaboration.  
  
\* Improving learning outcomes and eliminating barriers for all FDU students by providing course material access for the first day of classes.  
\* Assure all students are starting at the same time with the same materials.  
  
\* Strengthening faculty relationships with course material suppliers through clearer communications and simplification.  
  
\* Streamlining the course material adoption process for faculty.

Is this proposal time sensitive? Yes

What is the time sensitivity? Proposal will need to be approved for 2026 tuition and fees consideration.

Names of Groups You Think Should Be Consulted on This Proposal Faculty, finance, enrollment, student government, FDU IT, library, current bookstore leadership, professional staff, possible outside industry experts.

Request Anonymity No