**Summary of WOU Text Book Rental Pilot Program**

**Purpose:**

Create a sustainable and replicable textbook and course material rental program for WOU undergraduate and graduate students that results in a reduction in the costs that students pay for textbooks and other course materials such as DVD’s and workbooks. This proposal and the implementation of the grant was a joint venture between the WOU Bookstore and Academic Affairs.

**Funding:**

$999,973 from US Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE). Two year award to implement a rental program.

**Grant Management:**

PI—David McDonald, Associate Provost

PD—Mark Lane, WOU Bookstore Director

Advisory Committee to include students and faculty

Fiscal review committee (subcommittee to Advisory) to include students and faculty

**Expected outcomes:**

1. Sustainable rental program that can be replicated by other colleges and universities
2. Savings to students of between 25% and 40% in total text book costs (rent and purchase)

**Involvement of the faculty:**

1. Participation in the advisory committee
2. Discussion and sharing of ways to reduce text book costs to students beyond the rental program
3. Implementation of practices that maximize savings to students and sustainability of the program

**Next steps:**

1. Advisory committee established with meetings in fall
2. Purchase/implementation of software to support rental activities
3. Purchase of shelving and other materials to store inventory
4. Establish initial rental rates
5. Identification of 2-4 LACC courses to offer rentals for Winter/spring 2010
6. Develop expansion plans to offer rentals in more courses Spring
7. Continued expansion of program by class and department
8. Create financial advisory committee to consider long-term sustainability