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Dear Colleagues,

OU is pleased to announce that effective for the Fall 2023 semester and beyond, the new Norman campus official online bookstore will be Textbook Brokers (TBB).

TBB was selected because of their commitment to offer more low-cost course materials, especially by increasing the availability of used books, rentals, and digital options. The partnership with TBB is expected to enable OU to double the current amount of book scholarships to \$100,000 annually, increase financial support for faculty who desire to create Open Educational Resources – which are free course materials to students – and potentially invest in technology to further lower or eliminate student costs on audience response system access, which also provides a gateway to additional low-cost or no-cost digital course materials. Furthermore, TBB is providing funding to directly support student organizations.

Our current bookstore partner, Akademos, will continue to serve our faculty and students through the Summer 2023 semester. OU appreciates the excellent service they have provided for the past five years. You may still contact Akademos for Summer 2023 course material issues at [soonerbooks@akademos.com](mailto:soonerbooks@akademos.com).

For a few weeks, we will have two bookstores (Akademos serving summer needs, and TBB for fall). The new TBB bookstore is expected to officially open for students in mid-July so they can begin their fall course material purchases. In the next several days, we will be clarifying and publicizing bookstore web addresses and updating course material information.

If faculty or staff have any questions related to course materials for Fall 2023, please contact our new bookstore manager, John Beecher, and his team at [oubookstore@textbookbrokers.com](mailto:oubookstore@textbookbrokers.com) or (405) 285-5600. John has almost 20 years of campus retail and online bookstore experience, and we are excited that he will be our primary contact.

Sincerely,

André-Denis G. Wright  
Senior Vice President and Provost