Bookstore Committee
Annual Report for 2008-2009

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FY08 net sales for the University Bookstore totaled $11,792,217, a 1% increase from the previous year. This total included a 3% decrease in new textbook sales and a 32% increase in used textbook sales. The change in the percentages from the prior year is most likely due to the change in the economy.

On May 7, 2009, the committee met with Bookstore manager, Andy Shaffer, and Helen Zeigler, Director, Office of Business Affairs. Mr. Shaffer reported that textbook adoption at the end of April was at 53% and the December book buyback was 22%-due in a large part to the partnership among faculty.

21% of Spring 2009 book orders were submitted in a timely manner (By 10/15 due date) due to periodic email reminders from the bookstore. As a result of money saved through the availability of used textbooks, the Bookstore generated over $1,600,000 in scholarship funds for students in 2008-2009. Additionally, the bookstore was able to present the university with a one-time check for $250,000.00; this was the direct result of a very successful relationship between USC and Barnes and Noble.

Two Committee members rotate off this year, Laurel Baker (Libraries) and Chin-Tser Huang (Engineering). The Committee welcomes two new members elected in 2008, Marilee Birchfield (Libraries) and Susan Lessner (School of Medicine).

The 2009-2010 Bookstore Committee Chair will be Kimberly Glenn (Nursing) k.glenn@sc.edu.

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