The following policy statement, recommended by the Academic Senate at its meeting of January 25, 1979, and approved by the President on March 8, 1979, is as follows:

I. The choice of textbook for a course is the professional responsibility of the faculty member teaching the course. Therefore, the following policy applies:

A. It is the responsibility of the faculty member teaching a course to choose the textbook(s) for the course.

B. By vote of the faculty, departments may adopt a policy that requires use of the same text(s) (or one of a small number of designated texts) for all sections of a multiple-section course or all semesters of a sequential course. Where such a policy is in effect, the faculty members who teach the course(s) are jointly responsible for making the selection.

II. Departments have responsibility for course content, for assuring continuity in sequential courses, and for assuring that multiple sections of a course are similar in content and level of instruction.

A. An appropriate body in each department offering sequential and/or multiple-section courses shall meet each year to review syllabi or equivalent materials used by instructors in multiple-section and sequential courses and to advise them if there are inappropriately wide variances in content, continuity, and levels of instruction between their courses and the departmental course outlines

B. An appropriate body for purposes of this policy shall be the department curriculum committee, an ad hoc committee consisting of those teaching the course, a course coordinator, or such other body as may be approved by the department.

Effective: Immediately