

## FACEBOOK TEXTBOOK EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Do you have a used book to sell or buy or exchange, and want to save money?

Try <http://www.facebook.com/groups.php?ref=sb#/group.php?gid=74289623001>

This is a Facebook group only for University of South Florida College of Engineering students where they can post the list of used textbooks they are trying to sell or buy.

The idea is to price the books for less than what they are being sold as “used” at the bookstore or at online websites such as amazon.com (do not forget the shipping costs and delays), but more than what you would be able to sell it for. (For example, the bookstore may offer you \$25 for a book that they sell new for \$100 and used for \$50; you could hence price your book somewhere between \$30 and \$45). This way the transaction would reduce the textbook costs for all.

I categorically see the benefit of this exchange (I am an author of several textbooks, and do not mind my own royalty checks dwindling for a good cause). It not only makes the textbooks affordable but is also a step towards sustainability, a topic we talk so much about and do little to see it through.

You can find the titles of the required textbooks at least a month before the semester starts at: <http://sftampa.bncollege.com> > Click on Textbooks

**Caution:** Make your transactions only in the College of Engineering fishbowl, first floor Marshall center or the USF Library Starbucks during daylight business hours on weekdays in a safe environment. Also, be sure that you are only selling or buying books that are being used for courses in the upcoming semesters.

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