

A Question for Kelly Murphy:

8. I spoke with a veteran in my class today and he informed me that his benefits for attending college were cut significantly due to the 8 week schedule. From what I gather, the way our hours are reported makes it seem that the student is not full-time when the 8 weeks are done even though they will be starting the next 8 week session. This is a huge problem because he will be transferring to WT just so that he can get his benefits back...so if this is happening to him, how many other vets is this happening to and how many will we lose???? Is there a way to find out if this is being addressed? Are we aware that this is happening?

A Question for the senate:

9. Over the past 2 years my oldest son has attended AC. I must tell you, as a parent, it is disturbing to purchase textbooks required for classes only for them to be sold back at the end of the semester unused. I will honestly tell you, I questioned my son, and I informed him that I did not believe him when he said that his instructors/professors told students in class that to succeed in their class and pass, they just needed to study the notes they take in class.

I have observed this each semester in a variety of his classes. I am not doubting that he is learning. I know he is learning and I am proud of what he is becoming. My problem is this: we are a middle-class family that makes just enough to not receive assistance from financial aid, so those books were paid directly from our pocket book. To have paid for those when they were not needed bothers me. Can faculty who prefer to not use a text simply request that, or is it up to the department chair?

On a different spin, how many students who ARE on financial aid are buying books, not using them-per their instructor, then selling them back? Please be clear, I am not referring to students who themselves choose to not use their text books, only instructors that do not refer to the 'required' text for content. Could the efficiency of AC faculty listing 'no text required' be financially helpful for all students when instructors use other means to deliver content?



