Bookstore’s Request for funding from AS Bookstore Reserve Account

Proposed Motion: Allocate and fund $30,000 from the AS Bookstore Reserve Fund for Bookstore equipment.

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Background & Context
This is a proposal to seek funding from the AS Bookstore Reserve fund to support Bookstore operations. The total request is for $32,000.

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Total $32,200.00

Summary of Proposal
This is to spend some of the money the Bookstore has contributed the AS Bookstore Reserve fund in FY14. The revenue share to this reserve account in FY 14 was $101,597.21. The Bookstore anticipates a contribution in FY 15 of about $50,000.

Fiscal Impacts
Reserves decreased by $32,000 this year with a year-end contribution from the AS Bookstore based on revenue sharing $50,000. This account would be increased by $20,000 at the end of FY15.

Rationale:

New Desktop Computers: This is part of the yearly replacement cycle for computers used in the AS Bookstore. We use about 25 computers within the store so we are on about a 5 year replacement cycle.
**VERBASoftware:** This software allows for price comparison shopping by students on the AS Bookstore’s ecommerce site. This spring the AS Bookstore began using the Verba product Collect. This software allows the AS Bookstore to communicate more effectively with the faculty by sharing information about what course materials the faculty member used in prior terms. This will help to assist faculty submit course material requisitions in a more timely manner.

Sequoia Optimization for Mobile Devices: This is additional software added to the AS Bookstore’s ecommerce site that will allow for better viewing on mobile devices. This is a onetime charge for this upgrade.
New Signature Capture Machines: The AS Bookstore has purchased ten new signature capture machines for all of the Point-of Sale registers. This will allow the Bookstore to meet EVM standards for credit card processing and decrease the liability on fraudulent charges.

EMV, which stands for Europay, MasterCard, and Visa, is a global standard for inter-operation of integrated circuit cards (IC cards or "chip cards") and IC card capable point of sale (POS) terminals and automated teller machines (ATMs), for authenticating credit and debit card transactions.

Effective 1 October 2015, Visa’s global counterfeit liability shift will be instituted in the U.S for POS transactions. With this liability shift, the party that is the cause of a chip transaction not occurring (i.e., either the issuer or the merchant’s acquirer processor) will be held financially liable for any resulting card present counterfeit fraud losses. The shift helps to better protect all parties by encouraging chip transactions that use unique, dynamic authentication data.
**Reusable Tote bags with AS logo:** The Bookstore orders and distributes **10,000** reusable tote bags every year. These bags have the AS logo, the AS Bookstore logo and the new Western logo. We use them to reduce waste and also help brand the University, the AS Bookstore and the Associated Students.

Size: 305x150x330+25mm
Handle: 25x710mm/2
Printing: White