

## Provost Newsletter June 7, 2024

Tri-C will partner with Follett Higher Education, the largest campus retailer in North America, as the College's exclusive campus retail partner. Follett will assume operation of all Tri-C Campus Bookstores as well as the Tri-C online bookstore. Through this partnership, Follett and Tri-C will enhance students' higher education experiences by developing customized solutions that support learning, expand access to affordable course materials, and foster a memorable collegiate retail experience.

Course Adoptions

### What is changing?

Beginning on June 26, 2024, Tri-C will partner with Follett Higher Education, a leading provider of educational products and services, for our campus bookstore operations.

### Why are we making this change?

The decision to reimagine Tri-C's campus retail locations has numerous benefits, including a greater range of affordable course materials, a broader selection of sustainable and locally sourced merchandise, more streamlined operations and innovative tools to enrich teaching and learning.

While we're thrilled about the improvements that Follett will bring to both faculty and students, we understand the transition will require some initial adjustments as we prepare for the fall term. With our renewed focus on affordability, academic freedom and increased access to a variety of course materials, we're confident our partnership with Follett will elevate the Tri-C learning experience.

### How will this impact faculty?

We are committed to ensuring a successful campus store transition for faculty and students. While Follett gets its systems in place, **we are asking you to submit your course material adoptions as soon as possible. The table below provides guidance on the process for submitting course material adoptions for the fall semester.**

| IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED COURSE MATERIAL ADOPTIONS  | IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED COURSE MATERIAL ADOPTIONS   |  |
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| <b>If you have already submitted your adoption via the Barnes &amp; Noble system for Fall, Follett will receive the details and order your materials.</b><br><br><b>No further action is needed.</b> | <b>Recommended:</b> If you are able to submit adoptions before June 13, 2024, you will use the Barnes & Noble system.<br><br>Follett will receive all adoptions submitted through this system before June 26, 2024. | If you need to submit adoptions after June 13, 2024, further information will be provided during the week of July 1, 2024.<br><br>Prompt adoption submissions allow Follett to source a range of affordable options, ensuring our students have access to the necessary materials immediately. |

Stay tuned for more information on the transition details. Thank you for your continued dedication to teaching and learning at Tri-C.