



WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY
MEDICAL STUDENTS' SOCIETY

Textbook Report Policy

The Wollongong University Medical Students' Society (WUMSS) believes the Graduate School of Medicine's (GSM's) learning centre is a vital resource for our students with the majority of our student population respecting the space and the resources it contains. However, we have recently been made aware of damage to textbooks in the learning centre which we unreservedly condemn. WUMSS believes this damage has been caused by a minority of students and feels a responsibility to support the honourable actions of the majority. This policy document will outline our approach to assist with addressing this issue by targeting the small number of students responsible.

The WUMSS executive met on Tuesday 6th November and unanimously passed the following 'Textbook Report Policy':

- A 'Textbook Report' page has been created on our website to enable students to report misuse of, or damage to, textbooks in the learning centres of both GSM campuses (www.wumss.org.au/book-report).
- Students can use the page to report students who:
 - Do not return textbook(s) to the shelves after use
 - Damage textbook(s)
 - Remove textbook(s) from the learning centre
- When a student receives two reports to their name, the information will be forwarded by WUMSS to the GSM.
- The reporting student may be contacted by the GSM in relation to their report.
- WUMSS supports the resulting actions of the GSM against any guilty student.

To encourage students to participate we have undertaken the following:

- Students submitting the report will be asked to provide their student number rather than their name. This will make them identifiable to the staff of the GSM but not to fellow students on the WUMSS executive.
- Only one member of the executive will deal with the reports to ensure all information is kept in confidence.
- Information about the new policy will be distributed to students in all phases of the MBBS.

We believe this issue demonstrates a lack of professional conduct by a minority in the student population and we feel our 'Textbook Report Policy' supports the appropriate actions of the majority. The learning centre, and its associated resources, foster an academic environment that facilitates peer interactions and results in improved outcomes for our students. WUMSS is committed to protect this valuable resource by empowering responsible students and providing them with the tools to help address this issue.

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