

## Budget Realignment Comments Regarding Use of Materials

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Based on my observations over the past 6-years, as a Budget Authority Staff and as a staff that handles all fiscal matters, I have 1 suggestion. I think this is so obvious that it's been overlooked for too long. #1 Get rid of contracts with Office Depot, DOC and Levano/Apple. The cost of the copier paper that we are forced to purchase is more than what we can find elsewhere. The cost of furniture from DOC is exorbitant; allow us to shop competitive prices. Lastly, allow purchases of computers, monitors etc., from a list of approved computers by any competitive vendor. Not sure that this would be a 3% reduction in spending, but I'd say it would save a huge amount of money for EWU.

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Digital signage for dining service and the rest of campus are 2 different services and applications we are paying for. Shouldn't we only have 1? To save money.

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Here are a couple of ideas that may be of interest:

#1 Our shop has many purchases through the course of a year through outside vendors in order to repair/replace and maintain HVAC systems campus wide, what we have been doing for some time now is compare and shop prices between vendors as well as on line in order to get the best pricing. Sometimes the price difference is significant on the exact same item/s. I have not tracked this as of yet but I would not be surprised that if the savings this year alone may have been as much as \$15,000 dollars. I am not certain how other shops are handling their purchases but instead of just going to the "favorite old vendor" I would encourage shopping around.

#2 Our shop as well as a few others have to wear the FR (fire retardant clothing); currently this is handled through Cintas, a uniform service at the tune of over \$30,000 dollars a year. We are required by labors and industry to wear the clothing, however we are not required to use Cintas as a service, A yearly or bi-yearly stipend such as we do with our steel toed footwear or ordering on line through Central Stores as we do our eastern wear would be a far less costly solution.