**All course information can be found on the new website for instructors (not for student use): bmccremmath.commons.gc.cuny.edu**

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MEMORANDUM

To:      **MAT 56 Faculty**
From:   Ellen Inkelis **Remediation** Committee Co-Coordinator
Date:   8/24/15
Re:      **NEW Alternative Textbook Option for MAT 56:  e-book(online textbook), FALL 2015**

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- ➢ **NEW:** The MAT 56 McKeague <u>Algebra with Trigonometry for College Students, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed</u> textbook is now available as an e-book on WebAssign.

- ➢ Unlike MAT 8, MAT 12, and MAT 51, the use of <u>just</u> the printed text is still an option for instructors. Neither the use of the e-book option nor WebAssign is required.**\***

**\*Note:**The use of WebAssign and/or the e-book is recommended because of its educational and financial advantages, but it is **<u>NOT</u>** required.

- ➢ Only with an instructor's permission, each student can have the option to purchase the e-book on WebAssign.
- ➢ Regardless of whether the instructor chooses to use the WebAssign homework component, a student can still gain access to the e-book.
- ➢ Each section has been assigned a unique WebAssign class key.

- ➢ A special "e-book" section has been created with its own class key.

- ➢ To gain access to the e-book, students must purchase an **<u>access code</u>** for $55 and in addition must obtain a **<u>class key</u>** from their instructor.
  There are two possible ways a student can obtain a **<u>class key</u>** from their instructor:
       A) obtain their section's unique **<u>WebAssign class key</u>**. **provided by  the Tech Coordinator**
       or
       B) obtain a class key from a special "e-book" section.**\*\***

  **\*\*Note:** The "e-book" section class key is available to all mat 56 instructors. bmcc.cuny   5049   2181
       As stated earlier, if preferred, an instructor can use his/her own  unique section class key
       instead of this one.

  **<u>Note:</u>** Regardless of whether the instructor chooses to use the WebAssign homework component, a student can still, gain access to the MAT 56 e-book.

- ➢ WebAssign instructions will be provided to the student. (See other attachment)

- ➢ If an instructor requires the purchase of the printed text, it must be made clear to the students that the purchase of the e-book option will entail an extra expense.

- ➢ The MAT 56 e-book is now the entire printed textbook. Students using the e-book will have access to all of the pages of the printed version of the textbook which includes the exercise pages that instructors traditionally use to assign homework.

- ➢ Students using an e-book can view on their phone, tablet, laptop, computer, and do not have to carry the textbook.(unless the instructor requires a text)

- ➢ The lower price of $55 for students includes the use of the e-book and additional resources.

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- ➢ <u>The additional resources for students include the following:**</u>
  - **Full electronic version of the textbook (e-book)**
  - Access to assignments corresponding to MAT 56 syllabus topics
  - Access to **Lecture Videos** for every chapter and section of the following textbooks:
    - Mckeague Intermediate Algebra (MAT 56)
    - Mckeague Trigonometry (MAT 56)
    - Mckeague Elementary Algebra (MAT 51)

  - Access to **Personal Study Plan (**Additional practice exercises) for every chapter and section of the following textbooks:
    - Mckeague Intermediate Algebra (MAT 56)
    - Mckeague Trigonometry (MAT 56)
    - Mckeague Elementary Algebra (MAT 51)

  - Access to **Lecture Power Points** for every chapter and section of the following textbooks:
    - Mckeague Intermediate Algebra (MAT 56)
    - Mckeague Trigonometry (MAT 56)

  - MAT 056 Practice Final Form Q
  - MAT 056 Exemption Practice Packet

  **A student can just use the e-book for $55 and choose not take advantage of any of the additional resources.

**NOTE:**
The McKeague <u>Algebra with Trigonometry for College Students, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed</u> textbook is the exact textbook that is indicated on the syllabus.
The Mckeague Intermediate Algebra (MAT 56), Mckeague Trigonometry (MAT 56), and the Mckeague Elementary Algebra (MAT 51) are used as additional resources for students and instructors.

- ➢ **Advantages for Students**
  - Financial advantage-lower price of $55
  - Can access on mobile devices.
  - Have use of additional resources and exercises (see above)

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