

RESOLUTION 29

A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT SUPPORTING THE FINDINGS OF THE NC STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT
GOVERNMENT TEXTBOOK STAKEHOLDER GROUP

Short Title: Textbook Savings and Efficiency Act (Public)

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Referred to: Committee on Academic & Student Affairs.

Section 1. The General Assembly of the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the ever-increasing costs of textbooks across the University of North Carolina and the country puts an undue burden on students in the UNC system; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need for comprehensive textbook reform, started by students; and,

WHEREAS, a Textbook Stakeholder Group chaired by NC Representative Pat McElraft and comprised of students, staff, representatives from the publishing industry, and other parties all came together at NC State to develop recommendations on textbook policies for the University; and,

WHEREAS, these recommendations could benefit all students of the University and are included herein; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments expresses its support for the recommendations produced by the Stakeholder Group; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Association calls upon the ASG President to forward these recommendations to UNC General Administration and the Board of Governors for their respective review and consideration:

Recommendations:

Constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina are strongly encouraged to conduct evaluation surveys that include textbook usage inquiries. Book usage material shall be provided to academic, administration and department leaders.

32 In cases where materials are underutilized, faculty shall be directed to work with
33 publishers and bookstores to develop online alternatives, custom materials, or
34 other lower cost options. Department administrators shall be accountable for
35 increasing book usage rates through all available methods and with all due speed.
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37 Upon the success of the NC State Libraries pilot program, all University of North
38 Carolina constituent institutions shall be required to offer all required textbooks,
39 as much as practicable, on reserve at the institution's library. Where space and
40 finances present challenges, the individual universities are encouraged to work
41 with their county library system to better effect this policy.
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43 **Section 2.** This Act shall take effect upon its enrollment.