



Senate Resolution

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RE: Textbook Library Reserve

Whereas it is the mission of the University of San Diego Associated Students to promote opportunities and expression, address student issues, and enrich a diverse, inclusive, and engaged community

Whereas course materials such as textbooks come with exorbitant costs that will only continue to rise,

Whereas course materials such as textbooks are instrumental in a student's academic success at USD,

Whereas without proper affordable access to course materials, students are not set up for success at USD,

Whereas the affordable accessibility of textbooks will continue to be an issue on campus unless the University of San Diego Associated Students get involved and rectify the issue,

Whereas a textbook reserve located in Copley Library will help all the students attending the university access textbooks in an affordable manner,

Whereas the University of San Diego Associated Students combined with university administration have the resources to set up a textbook reserve located in Copley Library,

Whereas other universities around the country, including peer institutions such as the University of St. Mary's, have set up effective textbook reserves on their campuses,

Be it resolved that a textbook reserve be set up in Copley Library with the assistance of Copley Library staff and the Torero Store effective in the fall semester of 2017,

Be it further resolved that all course materials for classes that have at least two sections and are priced over \$75 will be purchased and placed in the Copley Library Textbook Reserve,

Be it further resolved that half of the cost of the textbook reserve shall come from the student activity fee,

Be it further resolved that the remaining 50% of the cost of the textbook reserve shall be requested from the University's budget,

Be it further resolved that the respective funds be allocated to the Torero Store to ensure the right course materials are being purchased and the best price can be obtained,

Be it further resolved that the course materials be then given to Copley Library and the Copley Library staff manage the textbook reserve,

Be it further resolved the course materials in the textbook reserve be available to check out like any other resource available in Copley Library,

Be it further resolved that the materials in the Copley Textbook Reserve be evaluated and updated every three semesters, which is the general cycle of textbooks being updated and receiving new editions,

Be it further resolved that this evaluation of updates to the Copley Textbook Reserve every three semesters be a budget item that is considered by the A.S team operating at the time of evaluation,

Be it further resolved that in five years, the University of San Diego administration assume full responsibility of the costs of maintaining and updating the Copley Library Textbook Reserve because the cost associated with something so crucial to student success, such as access to course materials, should not be the responsibility of the Associated Students,

Be it further resolved that the resolution be sent to the following people for comment and action: Dr. James T. Harris, President of USD, Carmen Vazquez, VP of Student Affairs, Andrew Allen, Provost, Theresa Byrd, Dean of the University Library, Terry Kalfayan, Vice President of Finance and CFO, Andre' Mallie', Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services, James Thraikill, Director, Torero Store, Hugh Ellis, Chair of Faculty Senate